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SARDAR PATEL PASSES AWAY

Lakhs Escort Him On Last Journey

Heart Rending Scenes At Crematorium

BOMBAY, Friday

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL, Deputy Prime Minister, passed away peacefully at 9-37 a.m. today at Birla House, following a heart attack. He was 75. Ten hours after death came to this great son of India, grief-stricken Bombay turned out in lakhs to escort him on his last journey.

To the accompaniment of a salvo of 31 guns and the solemn sounding of the LAST POST by the buglers of the Travancore Infantry, the mortal remains of India's Iron Man were cremated at the crematorium at Queen's Road at 7-45 p. m. At this spot several years ago had been cremated his wife and his brother, the late Mr. Vithalbhai Patel.

Heartrending scenes were witnessed at the burning ground, as hundreds of men and women including Prime Minister Nehru and President Rajendra Prasad broke down and wept. As Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, son of the Sardar, set aflame the pyre of sandalwood logs, even those who had controlled themselves in a measure during the rest of the day began to cry. Maniben Patel, daughter of the Sardar, who had borne herself with grim fortitude, became inconsolable and wept like a child.

As the ghee-fed lurid flames leapt to the sky, President Rajendra Prasad sobbed out in a broken voice: "These flames may burn his body, but cannot touch his fame."

In a moving five-minute funeral oration, remarkable for its dignity and pathos, Mr. Rajagopalachari said: "We have assembled here not only to give vent to our grief, but also to take courage and confidence from out of the ashes."

Grim Climax

The funeral was the climax of a grim day of sorrow, when not less than a million people joined in public mourning over the death of one of India's greatest sons. Men and women, Princes and Peasants, Leaders and Followers, Ministers and Soldiers mourned.

Leading personalities from all over India flew to Bombay immediately on hearing of the sad news. Planes, military and civil converged on Bombay.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, President Rajendra Prasad, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, and Speaker G. V. Mavlankar were among those who arrived from Delhi. All the three service chiefs of India, General K. M. Cariappa, C-in-C of the Indian Army, Vice-Admiral Sir William Edward Parry, C-in-C of the Indian Navy, Air Vice Marshal S. Mukherjee, acting C-in-C of the Indian Air Force, were among those who arrived in the city to participate in the funeral procession.

Two Provincial Governors, Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa from Madhya Pradesh and the Maharaja of Bhawnagar from Madras; Chief Ministers of five States (Mr. Kumaraswami Raja from Madras, Mr. Takhtmal Jain from Madhya Bharat, Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant from U.P., Mr. Srikrishna Sinha from Bihar and Mr. Ravi Shankar Shukla from Madhya Pradesh) also arrived in the city to pay their last homage.

The Congress President, Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, who left the city only on Thursday morning flew back today, as well as many other Congress leaders.

Also joining in the last respects paid to the departed leader were all the consular representatives in the city.

While grief-stricken Bombay went into a spontaneous hartal, the transport services as well as the police force were put to a severe test. All along the route of the funeral procession, tram and bus services had either to be suspended or diverted over other routes for a considerable time.

The BB & CI Railway ran between Churchgate and Charni Road in the south, and northward beyond Mahaluxmi on the other, from 5 p.m. till the funeral procession had passed through the level crossing at Gamdevi.

Birla House where the lion-hearted leader passed away became a centre of pilgrimage to the greatest in the land, as well as an endless stream of milling crowds who poured in from all parts of the city.

By eleven a.m. the number of people who came in was so great that police arrangements very nearly broke down. Thousands of cars, taxis, lorries, ambulances, trucks, in fact, every available form of conveyance was used by those who came to pay their last respects to the departed. These vehicles, finding no parking space were stretched out all along a number of roads, adjacent to Birla House and created a great traffic problem.

A cot hitched at an angle of 60 degrees was placed in the portico of Birla House, on which the body decked in spotless white, was placed. Thereafter, the people were allowed to come in small batches and file past. Even so it was a tortuously slow movement.

While planes were zooming into Bombay bearing the leaders of the nation from Delhi and elsewhere, preparations were being made for the funeral. Floral wreaths were mounting up as often as the mounds were cleared. The son and daughter of the Sardar sat stunned and silent, on either side of their departed father.

President Prasad, Prime Minister Nehru and Mr. Rajagopalachari arrived at 4-35 p.m. The Prime Minister walked up to the bier of his great colleague and stood still and sorrowing for three minutes and stepped aside, his stooping figure, a picture of sorrow. Mr. Rajagopalachari was moved to tears, President Prasad was also seen wiping his eyes.

The Cortege

Fifty minutes after the leaders had arrived, the funeral cortege started on its last journey. The Sardar's body was placed on a flower-decked gun-carriage and was slowly drawn along by members of the defence services. Led by services chiefs and followed by distinguished mourners, the cortege began to move out of the Birla House compound. A trailer was hitched to the gun-carriage to bear the burden of the mountains of floral offerings that were showered all along the route.

While the chief family mourners walked on either side of the gun-carriage, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Rajagopalachari, Pandit Pant, Mr. Kher and others walked along for a short distance and then got into a military jeep. Also joining in the procession were all the Ministers of the Bombay Cabinet, Mrs. Lilavati and Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr. Chagla, Bombay's Governor, and most men and women prominent in many walks of life in the city.

As the cortege moved out, the assembled crowds broke into the familiar refrain: "Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram". Many people, great and small, including Pandit Pant, and Mr. G. V. Mavlankar broke into tears.

The procession then moved along crowd-filled streets. Not only was every inch of the roads taken up, but the roofs and balconies of buildings, the branches of trees and the roofs of tramcars—in fact any point of vantage was occupied by an eager but sorrowing crowd. Uncontrollable crowds climbed over some cars with the result that several cars had their saloon roofs caved in and damaged.

While a formation of four planes dipped in salutation overhead, the procession moved along Nepean Sea Road, past Kemp's Corner and down to Nana Chowk. From Nana Chowk along the narrow road running down the Kennedy Bridge and past the railway crossing near the Congress House, was one of the most difficult parts of the journey. Because of this Mr. Nehru and others got down from the jeep and walked for a while.

Flower Rain

The entire proceedings having already fallen off schedule, the cortege paused briefly in front of the Congress House and Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee offered floral tribute on behalf of the Committee.

Here as elsewhere throughout the route flowers were showered on the cortege by people from the balconies of houses.

It was almost 6-45 p.m. when the cortege reached the Congress House and therefore the men of the armed forces in charge speeded up and the rest of the route to the crematorium via Vithalbhai Patel Road, Kalbadevi, Dhobi Talao and Princess Street was covered in about forty minutes. Here as elsewhere crowds hung on to every point of vantage, including the roofs of tramcars.

The funeral cortege reached the cremation ground at about 7-10 to swell the large crowd of people who had been waiting since four. Although thousands of people milled around, only a limited number were allowed to go into the cremation ground. Not more than 1,500 people were inside the enclosure. Even so, the grounds were crowded and many people climbed a low shed within the compound of the cremation ground to have a better view.

The ceremony, including the brief speeches made by President Prasad and Mr. Rajagopalachari lasted less than an hour. The speeches were relayed over all the stations of All India Radio as also a running commentary.

Hours before the body was expected to reach the crematorium, scores of people had collected inside while the military and city police took positions outside to regulate the crowds.

The pyre was being built slowly when dusk fell. Massive sandalwood logs were placed on horizontal iron bars.

Shortly after 7 p.m. Desh Sevikas marched in solemnly singing "Rahupati Raghava Rajaram" and were followed by a party of leaders headed by Mr. Nehru

A gloomy silence fell on the scene as the Sardar's mortal remains were carried in. All the leaders present received it at the entrance and lent their shoulders in turn while escorting it to a specially erected platform a couple of feet away from the pyre.

The body was draped in spotless white and was covered with flowers. As it was gently placed on the table, Desh Sevikas again took up the chorus. Floral wreaths were laid at the feet of the body by a number of people while bouquets began falling inside the crematorium from outside

On The Pyre

The number of people inside had by now swelled considerably and a couple of hundreds performed the hazaradous task of climbing the 20-feet-high wall of the burning ground to have a last glimpse of Sardar Patel. A hundred others were precariously perched on the top of trees

A minute before the pyre was set aflame, President Rajendra Prasad arrived followed by Rajaji and the three State Governors and joined Mr. Nehru, Pandit Pant, Mr. Tandon and others.

The body was then gently lifted from the platform and placed on the pyre. The members of the Sardar's family and several others went round the pyre in "pradakshina" and several others touched the feet in reverential obesience.

It was a stirring moment when the Travancore Infantry Unit fired three volleys in the air. Mr. Nehru broke down and wept, his handkerchief to his eyes, while President Prasad affectionately put an arm around him.

Then the bugles sounded the LAST POST. Advancing slowly, the three Service Chiefs laid wreaths on the pyre.

Mr Dahyabhai Patel then lit the fire.

The Bombay station of the AIR having concluded its programme at that time, the first bulletin was heard by chance listeners to the Delhi station. The telephones buzzed and inquiries poured into offices of newspapers and agencies.

Practically all the newspapers in the city brought out special editions. Posters and notices stuck on walls and pillars or short messages scrawled on the roads took the sad news to every corner of the city.

All engagements announced for the day were cancelled. In a number of educational and other institutions spontaneous meetings were held and condolence resolutions were passed.

STATE MOURNING FOR A WEEK

Within an hour of Sardar Patel's death, all business houses and shopping centres in New Delhi were closed in homage.

Delhi's courts, educational institutions banks, insurance companies and the Chief Commissioner's Secretriat were also closed.

STATE MOURNING

The Government of India have ordered State mourning to be observed from today for one week.

Flags on Government and public buildings will be flown at half-mast and no public entertainment will be held during the mourning period.

A General meeting of the Congress Party in Parliament will be held at 5 p.m. tomorrow to condole the death.

FUNERAL ORATION

BOMBAY, Friday.

As the flames went up, Rajaji spoke in slow batting tones into the microphone. He said "The melancholy privilege of saying a few words has been given to me. Thirtytwo years ago when Gandhiji was at Madras one morning, he asked me if I had met Vallabhbhai Patel who was brave and trustworthy. I saw him and then I have been seeing him without a break since then. What was Vallabhbhai has departed from us today. His body has returned to air, water and earth. That is where we all came from and that is where we all must go back to.

"But what was the inspiration, courage and confidence incarnate that was Vallbhbhai? He was a force. Let us not imagine that Sardar is dead. The real Vallbhbhai will survive his last breath. We have assembled here not only to give vent to our grief, but to take courage and confidence from out of the ashes. We will not see the like of him again.

NOT IN VAIN

"Do not think that he lived in vain. He lived an honest life and we can learn something from him provided we have character. We must be brave. We should not shed tears. I am an old man and am the oldest friend he has left behind. I have seen many others pass away.

"The Sardar too has now left leaving his brother all alone," said Rajaji pointing to Pandit Nehru.

In a brief speech, President Prasad said: "He who is born has to die and now Sardar Patel's body has also collapsed. But he has left behind a worthy example in his years of service. His work was great and we too can learn and profit by it. Several of you are weeping, but it is not for Sardar that you are shedding tears, but for yourselves, because he has left you. As far him he lived his life fully and now it is for us to carry on his unfinished work.

"The Sardar's family was not a small band of people. The whole nation was his family.

"What is burning before you now is his body. But the flames cannot touch his fame", Dr. Prasad said.

A City In Gloom

Once the rush of traffic with office-goers returning home was over noon on Friday, most streets in Bombay business areas presented a deserted look. By afternoon hotels and restaurants were also closed.

News agency offices, and newspapers working on special editions, were the only busy spots in an otherwise hushed city.

The day in Bombay was unusually cloudy in contrast to the normal bright sunshine and clear skies of December.

Scenes Of Sorrow

BOMBAY, Friday.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru almost broke down in grief as he entered the hall in Birla House where Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's body lay in state.

The stooping figure of the Prime Minister was symbolic of the Nation's grief, as he slowly went near the feet of his lifelong colleague and raised his hands in "pranam."

With his eyes filled with unshed tears, Mr. Nehru stayed near the body as it lay in state for about three minutes and then slowly withdrew to one side.

President Rajendra Prasad and Mr. C. Rajagopalachari also paid their homage to the departed leader in sorrow and silence.

They were followed by the Congress President, the venerable looking Babu Purushotamdas Tandon and other leaders, including Speaker Mavlankar.

Tears rolled down the shrunken cheeks of Mr. Rajagopalachari and he had to be led away to a sofa by the Prime Minister.

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, was sobbing like a bereaved child, when he entered the hall where the Sardar lay in state.

Nearly half a million people visited Birla House to pay their last homage.

The stream of mourners included

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador to the United States, said: "The passing of Sardar Patel removes one of the pillars of stability from the Government of India and creates a void in the country and in the hearts of the Indian people, which will be difficult to fill."

Mass Meeting Today

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has announced a "mass meeting" at Chowpathy Sea Face at 5-30 p.m. tomorrow to mourn the death of Sardar Patel.

Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, Congress President, will preside over the meeting, and Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay, and Mr. K. M. Munshi, Food Minister of India, will be among the speakers.

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Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Union Labour Minister, in a telegram to Miss Maniben Patel, said: "The news has come as the greatest shock. He has left us when we required him the most. We are orphaned like you.

"No word of consolation is possible for you, Bahan, who dedicated her everything to his service and whose sole concern was to protect, nurse and preserve him for the nation. The void created cannot be filled; the entire nation mourns with you."

Peaceful As In Sleep



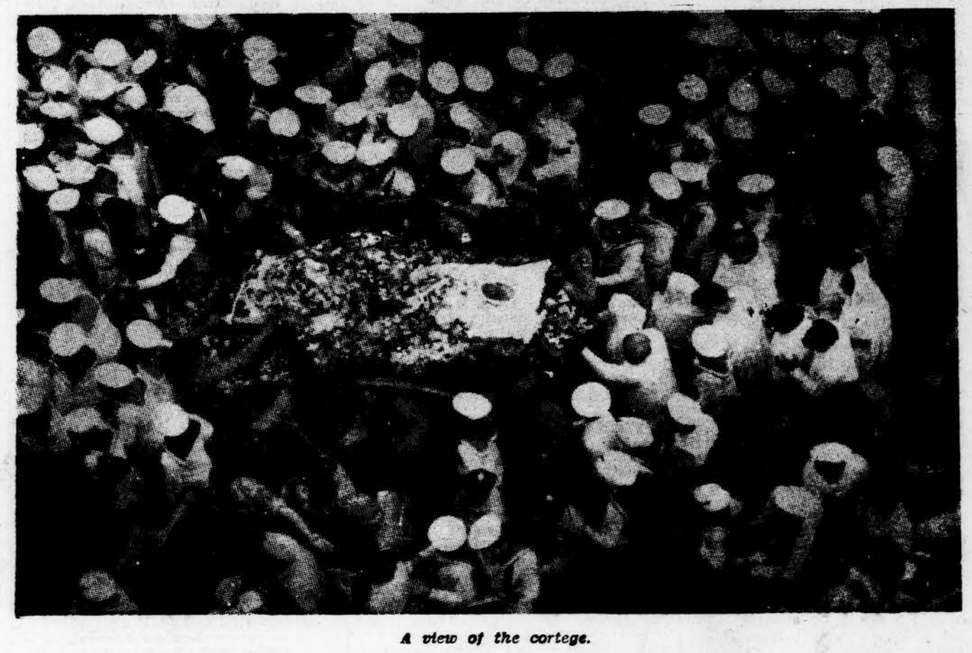
BEFORE THE LAST JOURNEY



The flames reach skyward consuming the body, as mourners watch in tears.



Mr. Nehru, Pandit Shukla and Mr. Tandon at the crematorium, just before the pyre was enveloped in flames.



A view of the cortege.

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J. H. PATEL.
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A. R. CHISHOLM,
Managing Director.
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All that piece or parcel of land, together with the messuage tenements or building thereon, situate on the west side of Parel Road or Victoria Gardens Road, Byculla in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 391.94 square yards or thereabouts and bounded on the North by land belonging to the Bombay Education Society, on the East by Parel Road aforesaid, on the West partly by land belonging to the Bombay Education Society and partly by land belonging to the Bombay Diocesan Trust Association Limited and on the South by the property known as Fancy Flats and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 2B/1491 (Part) of Byculla Division Correct C. S. No. as intimated by the Collector of Bombay is 2BA/1491 of Byculla Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of the Municipal Rates and Taxes under E. Ward No. 3580(1) and Street No. 320-320D, Victoria Garden Road.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1950.

(Sd)-/ FRENI JHABVALA & CO.
Attorneys for the Purchasers.
Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street, Fort Bombay.
(9300)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE CRESCENT IRON & STEEL CORPORATION LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 4th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of "The Crescent Iron & Steel Corporation Ltd." will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, at Goregaon on THURSDAY, 28th December, 1950 at 11 a.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the statement of account for the period ending 31st March 1950 and the reports of the Directors and Auditors.
2. To elect Directors in place of Messrs. Dawood Hajee Nasser and P. B. Karanjia who retire from office in accordance with Article 119 of the Company but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the financial year and fix their remuneration. In this connection a Notice of motion has been received from a Share Holder proposing the name of Messrs. H. M. Contractor & Co., Registered Accountants, as Auditors of the company for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board,
S. A. NATHANI.
Partner / Director,
Managing Agents.
(9301)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BABULAL DULLABHJI VADHANI and SALEBHOY GULAMALI, trading under the name of The New Bharat Grinding Mills have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

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THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that land, containing an area of seven hundred and thirty-six (736) square yards or thereabouts, situate on and being Plot No. 218A of the Dadar-Matunga Estate of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, bounded, on the North-East by Plot No. 219 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to L. D. Thakur, on the South-East by Plot No. 210 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to M. B. Sahai and another, on the South-West by Plot No. 218 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to V. V. Desai and another and on the North-West by Sir Bhalchandra Road forty feet in width which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 903 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 190A/10. Matunga Division together with the buildings thereon, consisting of a main building of ground floor and two upper floors with a sitting out place and of an out-building of a ground floor only which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "F" Ward No. 7058(9a) Street No. 23.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1950.

C. K. RAGHAVI.
For Messrs Haridas & Co.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(9299)

AUCTION SALES

BONAFIDE SALE
AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. Property of J. Morrison, Esqr., and others at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face of complete household and Office Furniture, Eng. Phillips Safe, Steel Almirah, Rem. Std. No. 12 and Rem. Port Typewriter. Sewing-Machine, Radio, Wall Clock, Elec. fan, Partition, Writing Bureau, Slid. Book Case, H.M.V. Gramophone, etc. T. 40213 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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BANGALORE NEWSLETTER

Freezing Of Rubber Stocks In Travancore-Cochin

NORMAL TRADE UPSET, SAYS BOARD CHAIRMAN

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, (By Mail).

MR. A. V. Thomas, Chairman of the Indian Rubber Board presiding over the tenth meeting held here said that they were all aware of the recent orders issued by the Travancore and Cochin Governments freezing all stocks of rubber with estates and dealers under the directions of the Central Government and how these orders had completely upset normal trade and given rise to very serious problems.

This action has been taken by the Government of India with reference to a representation made by the two big manufacturers, Messrs. Dunlop and Firestone, that they were running short of rubber and the producers were withholding stocks. He wished the Government had ascertained the correct position and consulted this Board before taking such drastic and discriminatory action based entirely on the strength of representation made by these two firms.

It was a well-known fact, he said, that indigenous production of rubber was short of requirements in this country by about 4,000 tons. The action taken by the Government in freezing rubber without understanding the real position would only add to the difficulties of the manufacturers and producers.

There were about 14,000 estates and small holdings and if each one of them had to obtain a permit for selling their rubber, one could well imagine how the entire industry would be thrown out of gear.

A number of small holdings and estates would be compelled to close down production owing to their inability to secure funds for the working of the estates by the ready sale of rubber and this might lead to serious unemployment amongst the 60,000 labourers employed in the industry and consequent labour troubles unknown to the industry so far.

It would also affect nearly 200 rubber dealers, their staff of about 350 and more than 1,000 labourers engaged by them. Those manufacturers who had standing arrangements with some producers or had entered into forward contracts would also not get rubber promptly.

HIGH PRICES OF TYRES

Continuing, he said that the Indian price of motor tyres was far higher than the American price today, though the control price of raw rubber in India was less than a third of the American price of raw rubber. The Government of India who were very much concerned with the consumer's interest, did not appear to have done anything to control the price of tyres. The Rubber Control instituted for benefiting the indigenous rubber plantation industry was now acting against the industry by pegging down the price of rubber to a mere existence level with no provision for agricultural development and for capital expenditure on improved factory equipment and labour amenities. Actually it was the manufacturers of rubber goods who were benefited by this control. They get their rubber at nearly a third of the World price today and were able to reap large profits. Manufacturers were thus being subsidised at the expense of the rubber producers.

WHY RUBBER ACT FAILED

Concluding, Mr. Thomas said that neither the grower nor the Government should lose sight of the fact that the Indian Rubber Production and Marketing Act had failed on account of Government's failure to appreciate difficulties of the producers and the manner in which the Act was administered. The purpose of the Act was to promote production. In three years of its operation it had proved incapable of serving that purpose. Therefore, he appealed to the Government that they must review the whole position. But in doing that any delay would mean considerable financial loss to the industry which was in need of large and immediate rehabilitation. The rubber industry must produce 40,000 tons to make India self-sufficient in rubber. Unless investment could attracted into rubber plantation industry, rehabilitation would not be possible and as far as the Government's rubber policy was concerned, it would be a total failure and for the rubber producers it would be a clamity.

JAIL REFORM

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam, Minister in-Charge of prisons is making a special study of jails in Mysore State to reorient conditions in jail. To transform a convict into an useful citizen employing himself in gainful occupation is the sole objective of the Minister in the proposed reforms. Mr. Bhashyam paid a surprise visit on December 8 to the Bangalore Central Jail. He had a first-hand knowledge of the condition of prisoners engaged in various trades and the efforts made to convert the illiterate prisoners in to literate citizens. Children serving their periods of imprisonment were also given the training they would have had in normal circumstances. Twenty ounces of food, medical aid, and field sports, besides a library, were some of the amenities provided for the inmates of the prison.

A few prisoners represented to the Minister that society did not take them back and refused any gainful occupation because of their being ex-convicts. The Minister told the jail-staff that a little more courtesy and kindly treatment would eventually make at least some of the prisoners reformed. He wanted the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society to take up this question in earnest.

ADVERTISEMENT TAX-OPPOSED

Opposition to the levy of advertisement tax was voiced by a deputation on behalf of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce which waited on the Chief Minister, of Mysore. Publicity was the key note of all modern business and to tax such advertisement would naturally kill the incentive for the business. The rate of advertisement of tax proposed by the Corporation was, in the opinion of the deputation, much higher than the rates in force in Madras and equivalent to the rate in Bombay.

The Chief Minister promised the deputation that the whole matter would be examined by the Government.

WORKING OF CONTROLS

Mr. Ranga's View

MATHURA, Dec. 15 (PTI): Prof. N. G. Ranga, President of the Bharat Kisan Sammelan, today urged the Government of India to review the working of controls and drop as many aspects of them as possible.

Prof. Ranga was addressing the Mathura District Kisan Sammelan at Raya village, eight miles from here.

He said there was no need at all to introduce gur control when especially there was insistant need for removal of control on sugar. "The present food control", he added "has failed to give satisfaction to consumers. They have on the other hand, converted more than a lakh of villages to deficit areas and inflicted untold miseries upon a hundred million peasants."

Mobilisation By Viet Minh

LONDON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter):—Peking Radio quoting a Viet Minh agency report today said a military and administrative conference held in the Red River basin (Indo-China) decided to step up general mobilisation throughout the Viet Minh-held area and particularly "in enemy occupied areas".

The report said that the "people's armed forces had liberated a long stretch of land between Hading and Ninbinh provinces near Hanoi as well as other regions".

Census In Madhya Pradesh

NAGPUR, Dec. 15 (PTI): Census preparations have almost been completed throughout Madhya Pradesh and the work of writing the national registers of citizens has also commenced.

Stating this at a press conference today, the Home Minister Pandit D. P. Mishra said that 48,683 persons would enumerate as estimated 21 million people in the state under the supervision of about 8,595 offices.

Ceylon Workers' Move

COLOMBO, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter):—Two trade unions representing a tenth of Colombo's harbour workers have appealed to all dock workers to co-operate with them in refusing to provide facilities for British, American and other United Nations warships or transports calling at Ceylon bound for Korea.

The two unions have a membership of about 650 of a total of some 6,000 dock workers.

Dollar Aid To Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON, December 14 (PTI-Reuter): The House of Representatives last night passed a bill backed by President Truman to give Yugoslavia 38 million dollars of emergency food relief.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Some Instability

LONDON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Quiet firmness established in London Stock Exchange earlier this week appeared to be less stable today as the week ended. Early hesitancy on overnight fall in Wall Street was followed by widespread small declines on report that Communists had crossed the 38th parallel. Irons and steels were resistant and firm. Oils followed the prevailing trend and showed dullness with some profit-taking on recent rises while in foreign section Japanese bonds fell by one point.

Rubbers and tins were steady but international stocks moved lower in sympathy with Wall Street.

South African gold mining shares opened selectively firmer on official statement that uranium recovery is to be officially financed. Gains were not always held, however, and the section closed irregular.

RUM GOING BACK

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mohammad Rum, was understood to be leaving for Djakarta today, for further consultation with his Government on the Dutch-Indonesian differences over Western New Guinea. He is expected to be back in The Hague by December 22.

Dr. Rum's departure follows the rejection by the Dutch yesterday of a seven-point Indonesian proposal for the settlement of the dispute.

Panic In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Women jumped from their beds and prayed in the streets in their night dresses when earth tremors shook Mexico City yesterday.

Lifts jammed and panic-stricken workers jammed the stairways of big office buildings. But there were no casualties and only slight damage to a few buildings.

Bomb Hurled At Boys

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI): A bomb explosion killed one boy and injured two others in a house near village Mussalmanpara within the jurisdiction of the Noapara police station, 24 Parganas today. The bomb, it is stated, was hurled into the house where the children were playing.

One person has been arrested.

Training Centre Closed

LAHORE, Dec. 15 (PTI): The Asian training centre on agricultural and allied projects which opened here on October 2 last was formally closed today.

The centre was sponsored jointly by United Nations, FAO, Pakistan Government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Pakistan's Governor General presided over the closing ceremony.

Tapadia Surprises Jaini In Inter-State Badminton

NAGPUR, Dec. 14 (PTI)

D. J. Tapadia, Madhya Pradesh Champion, scored a surprise three-set victory over India's number four S. L. Jaini of Delhi, to enable his State to lead Delhi by two matches to one in the Inter-State Badminton Championships here today.

The Inter-State Tournament, being run concurrently with the All-India Badminton Championships., began today at the Y. M. C. A. courts.

East Punjab 'Varsity In North Zone Final

LUCKNOW, Dec. 14 (PTI).

East Punjab University defeated Banaras University by 41 runs in the first semi-final of the North Zone Inter-Varsity Cricket Tournament for the Robinton Baria Trophy today.

The scores were:

East Punjab 169 and 175. Banaras University 159 and 144.

TREMENDOUS FACTOR IN ASIAN LEADERSHIP

Bevin Commends India's New Role

LONDON, December 15, (PTI-Reuter).

FOREIGN Secretary Ernest Bevin replying last evening to the Foreign Affairs debate in the House of Commons said he believed the new part India was playing in the world was a tremendous factor in the leadership of Asia.

He could assure the House, he said, that while relationship and exchanges of views between Britain and the United States had been most cordial there had been the same kind of relations between India, the United States and Britain.

Mr. Bevin said there had been some misunderstandings and some difficulties as there always were but these had been overcome.

"I feel very happy" he continued "that attitude of Mr. Nehru together with the assiduous efforts of his representative at the United Nations has had a great effect in keeping things steady and in teaching the West what is so important — to understand the East."

Mr. Bevin said: "I very much doubt whether Russia will take the plunge into war.

ASSURANCES

Regarding assurances to China that there were no intentions against Manchuria, Mr. Bevin said: "Anybody who is fool enough to attack Manchuria is bound to produce a world war almost immediately.

"We came to the conclusion that the cease-fire must come first and the settlement in Korea by negotiation".

There must be no interference with Chinese territory but clearly there must be no interference by China with Korean territory.

The Chinese must be a party to any negotiations there might be and to any settlement.

He recalled the transfer of power in India. It had taken place, he said, in an orderly manner.

Mr. Churchill interjected: "Four hundred thousand people killed in the Punjab alone."

Mr. Bevin replied: "There was no war with us; there was no China position and no Korea position."

Mr. Churchill said the view that the atomic bomb should not be used until it had been employed by an aggressor was "a resolve that could bring war nearer".

He caused uproar towards the end of his speech by asking the Prime Minister to reconsider the decision to nationalise steel "in the midst of all these storms and dangers."

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Today's Engagements

GAUDIYA MISSION: Sri Kshitipavan Brahmachariji will speak on "What is real purity?" in Hindi at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road, 6 p.m.

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION: Lecture on "India's Cult, Culture and Philosophy" at University Building (ground floor) west wing, opp. High Ccurt today (Saturday), 2-30 p.m. by Swami Sambuddhananda. The Swami will also hold classes on Bhagavadgita and the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna at 9 a.m. and 5-30 p.m. respectively, on Sunday (17th inst.) at Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall, Khar.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: Owing to the sad demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Annual General Meeting of the All-India Balkan-ji-Bari which was to be held on Saturday, December 16, has been postponed.

INDORE FLYING CLUB: Some enthusiastic members of the Indore Rotary Club have decided to form a flying club. A committee with Mr. Bhavarsingh Bhandari as Chairman and Dr. R. Agrawal as Secretary has been formed to promote its activities, writes our Indore correspondent.

GREATER MAHARASHTRA CONFERENCE: Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power will preside over the 19th session of the A.I. Greater Maharashtra Conference on December 30 and 31 at Mhow, 15 miles from Indore writes our Indore correspondent.

'A Keystone Removed'

Mr. Asoka Mehta, General Secretary of the Socialist Party, in a statement said: "The passing away of Sardar Patel removes a keystone from the arch of freedom. It is India's tragic misfortune that in less than three years' she has been orphaned twice. Sardar's services to India, his great contribution to the winning of freedom and building of free India, are a part of the saga of our people. The whole nation dips the flag in memory of him who taught her the lessons of discipline and strength. We shall not see the like of him again".

ALLAHABAD: Government offices, business firms, shops and educational institutions closed down immediately on receipt of news of Sardar Patel's death this morning.

Flags on all Government buildings were lowered and flown at half mast.

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BRIEFING NEHRU FOR LONDON CONFERENCE

P. M. To Hold Talks With His Colleagues Soon

(From our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Decmeber 15.

THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD BE HOLDING CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN ORDER TO PREPARE A BRIEF FOR HIMSELF FOR THE LONDON CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS EARLY IN JANUARY NEXT.

Reference is made to two speeches of the Prime Minister in Parliament during the week. These speeches were carefully worded and were largely non-committal. Two points are of special interest, namely, India's anxiety to preserve world peace and India's stand by democratic principles and methods of conference. India has given enough indication which side she would back in event of war.

Although Prime Minister is economy-minded and would not like to take a large team with him to London, indications are not wanting that some experts on matters such as Defence, Financial and Economic Affairs and Agriculture may accompany him to London. A reference in this connection is made to the personnel of the British Delegation, which accompanied the British Prime Minister Mr. Attlee to Washington. The London conference, likewise, will not be confined to foreign policy but is expected to cover a large variety of subjects, which would need ready assistance of experts. The Prime Minister, in his reply to the foreign policy debate in Parliament gave categorical assurances that his Government were fully defence conscious. Lobby talks envisages a policy of stockpiling of essential commodities for which a Supply Committee may soon be set up. Government has already announced its decision to build a food reserve of a million tons. In view of the international situation, Lobbies would not be surprised if petrol rationing were reintroduced in this country to build up stocks in due course.

MORALE-BUILDING

The Prime Minister laid special emphasis on morale-building. Lobby indications are that the Government would shortly ask Parliament for special powers to deal with emergencies. The employment of the Military in aid of the Civil Power in Calcutta during last communal disturbances created some constitutional problems. The Legislation contemplated would remove such difficulties. In view of the conflicting decsions of law courts, the Preventive Detention Act is also being overhauled.

The new legislation will specify when preventive detention is justified. Its scope will be limited to the defence of India, her relations with foreign powers and the security of the country. It may also be utilised for dealing with undesirable aliens.

The main purpose of the new law, it is stated, is to ensure the security of the State, maintenance of public order and essential services and supplies. Obviously, essential services will include Railways, Posts, Telegraphs, telephones, roads and other communications, supply of water, electricity and power.

The precautions are regarded necessary to deal with fifth columnists and disruptors of public morale.

Postponed

ENGINEERING ASSN: The eighth annual general meeting of the Engineering Association of India scheduled to be held here today has been postponed sine die.

CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE: Owing to the sad demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Bombay State Civil Liberties Conference which was to be held on Saturday and Sunday (16th and 17th instant) is postponed

QUAKE SHOCK: An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin with epicentre about 10,210 miles away from here was recorded by the seismographs in the meteorological office, Poona, at 20 hours 05 minutes I.S.T. yesterday.

BOMBAY VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION

Morarji Elected President

BOMBAY, Thursday: Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, was elected president of the Bombay Vigilance Association at a meeting of the Association held at the Secretariat this evening.

Mr. Rustam Masani who presided over the meeting, hoped that with the Home Minister as their President, the Association would grow from strength to strength, and would be able to give a better account of itself.

Mr. Masani further appealed for public as well as Governmental cooperation to carry on crusade against "the commercialized vice" in the city. He was confident that such co-operation would go a long way towards exterminating the social vice from the city.

The annual report of the Association which was unanimously adopted at the meeting showed a good record of much useful work done. It indicated that the Association during the year had continued to receive complaints from various sources about helpless girls falling victim to the passion of man, and that after due investigation, necessary action was taken with the help of the police.

SHELTER AT DADAR

The Association's Shelter, situated at Dadar, also continued to do useful work. This has been in existence for the last 23 years and forms the main plank of the work of the Association, and through it a large number of girls falling victim to the passion of man, and that after due investigation, necessary action was taken with girls and women are saved every year from normal degradation.

During the last three years 639 women and 28 babies were admitted in the Shelter, most of them being sent by the police. Of this number 125 were restored to their families employment was found for 12,316 were taken back by the Vigilance Branch of the C. I. D., 32 absconded from the hospitals, 18 were married and six were transferred to other institutions.

The Centre has been specially noted for its treatment of women suffering from venereal diseases. During the year ending December 1949, 86 venereal disease cases were treated by the Centre.

NO RACES FOR TWO DAYS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Owing to the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Stewards of the Turf Club have decided not to hold races on Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th December, 1950.

Postal Services

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI): Posts and telegraphs offices will remain closed today on account of the death of Sardar Valiabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, an official announcement today said.

NURSES' TRAINING COLLEGE

The Governing Body of the Sir Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas Hospital, have pleasure to announce that the Diploma Course in Auxiliary Nursing, of the Narandas Manordas Nurses Training College will commence from the January 1, 1951. Terms and prospectus can be had from the Office of the Hon. Secretary, Sir H. N. Hospital, New Charni Road during office hours. Those desirous of joining the college may please apply on the prescribed form, to the Hon. Secretary, Sir H. N. Hospital, New Charni Rd., Bombay.

SHRI MAHAVIRA JAINA VIDYALAYA: Annual social gathering to be held on Sunday (17th inst.) is postponed owing to sad demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

RAU CONGRATULATED

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 15 (PTI): Mr. B. N. Rau was congratulated by several delegates last night on his appointment as a member of the three-man Korean Cease-fire Commission.

Mr. Rau and Mr. Lester Pearson, Canada's Minister for External Affairs, were asked by reporters how the Commission would proceed with its work, but they declined to enter into any discussion.

Asked whether the Commission's work would be completed in New York and without going to Korea, Mr. Pearson said: "I think so."

The general impression here is that the General Assembly's resolution made it possible for negotiations to take the political-military factors under discussion in appropriate quarters as the basis for arranging cease-fire.

N. E. MONSOON WEAKENS

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 15. (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Friday, December 15:—

The north-east monsoon has weakened over the southern half of the Peninsula. Except for a few light showers in Tamilnad, weather has been dry over the country. Night temperatures have appreciably been above normal in south Tamilnad, Travancore-Cochin, Mysore, Malabar, South Kanara and North Deccan. They have been 5 degrees to ten degrees ft. below normal over the region extending from west Rajasthan and the Punjab (India) to Orissa and West Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING: A few light showers may occur in south Gujarat, Madhya Bharat, west Madhya Pradesh and south Tamilnad. Cloudy weather is likely in Saurashtra, north Deccan (Desh) and north Konkan.

Night temperatures will rise appreciably in Gujarat and the central parts of the country.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rainfall from 1st December 1950 and departure from normal recorded at 8-30 a.m. I.S.T. on 15th December 1950.

Ahmedabad 82 51 0 0—Akola 89 54 0 0.1 minus 2.7; Allahabad 75 45 0 0 minus 2.8; Bangalore 76 57 0 14.2 plus 5.3; Baroda 89 54 0 0— Bhavanagar 85 57 0 0 minus 1.2; Bhopal 75 48 0 0.1—Bhuj 78 — 0 0 minus 0.4; BOMBAY 90 71 0 1.4 1.6; Cherrapunji 58 45 0 19.8 minus 2.5; Darjiling 45 35 0 2.8 minus 3.6; Gwalior 73 46 0 0.1 — Gorakhpur 72 45 0 0.1 minus .32; Gulbarga 87 55 0 2.1 minus 1.7; Hanamkonda 86 80 0 1.5 minus 2.3; Honavar 94 68 0 2.7 — Hyderabad (Dn) 87 53 0 0.1 minus 1.7; Indore 80 46 0 0.1 minus 1.9; Jaipur 76 39 0 0 minus 0.7; Jamshedpur 76 45 0 1.5 — Jubbulpore 77 40 0 0.5 minus 2.0; Kanpur 73 43 0 0 minus 1.7; Khandwa 85 52 0 0 minus 2.3; Kodaikanal 59 — — — Kolhapur 88 60 0 7.8 — Kurnool 89 60 0 2.8 minus 1.7; Mahabaleshwar 79 62 0 8.8 plus 0.7; Mangalore 89 75 0 9.5 minus 1.7; Mercara 76 62 0 7.6 minus 4.11; Mussoorie 58 45 0 0 minus 1.9; Mysore 80 64 0 7.5 minus 1.4; Ootacamund 53 48 0 13.2 minus 2.2; Pachmarhi 73 43 0 0.2 minus 3.0; Patiala 71 42 0 0 — Poona 88 55 0 2.8 minus 1.9; Rajkot 83 53 0 0 minus 0.8; Shillong 58 39 0 10.5 plus 2.1; Sholapur 89 54 0 3.0 minus 1.6; Simla 57 44 0 0.3 minus 2.0; Surat 92 58 0 0 minus 1.9.

TODAY'S RADIO

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

METRE BAND:—7-30 a.m.—25, 31 and 41; 9-30—19 and 25 11-30—13 and 19, 12-30 p.m.—13 and 19; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30 13 and 19, 9-30—13, 16 and 25.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English 08-00, 13-30, 18-00, 21-00; Hindi 08-15, 13-40, 18-10, 21-15; Urdu 09-00 Punjab 08-30, 20-15, Bengali 07-30, 12-50, 19-30 Tamil 07-15, 14-00, 19-15, Telugu 07-00, 13-50, 19-00, Kannada 07-45, 19-45, Malayalam 07-30, 19-30 Marathi 08-30, 12-50, 20-00. Gujarati 08-45, 13-00, 20-15

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244 m., 07-30 Subhashita, 07-35 Mangal smaran, 07-40 Prog., 07-45 N. Arya, G songs, 08-15 Amjanibai Lolekar, Jaunpuri, 13-10 G stage songs, 13-40 Listeners' postbag, 17-30 For children, G, 18-10 Pushpalata kulkarni, violin, 18-30 Anajanibai Lokekar, purvi, 19-00 N Arya, G songs, 19-10 Locals, 19-20 Air artist, G songs, 19-30 P. N. Dewoolkar, chhayanat, 19-45 for industrial workers, 20-30 Pushapalata Kulkarni, violin, 20-45 N Arya, S songs, 21-15 A Navsariwala, G songs, 21-30 "Faust" part 2.

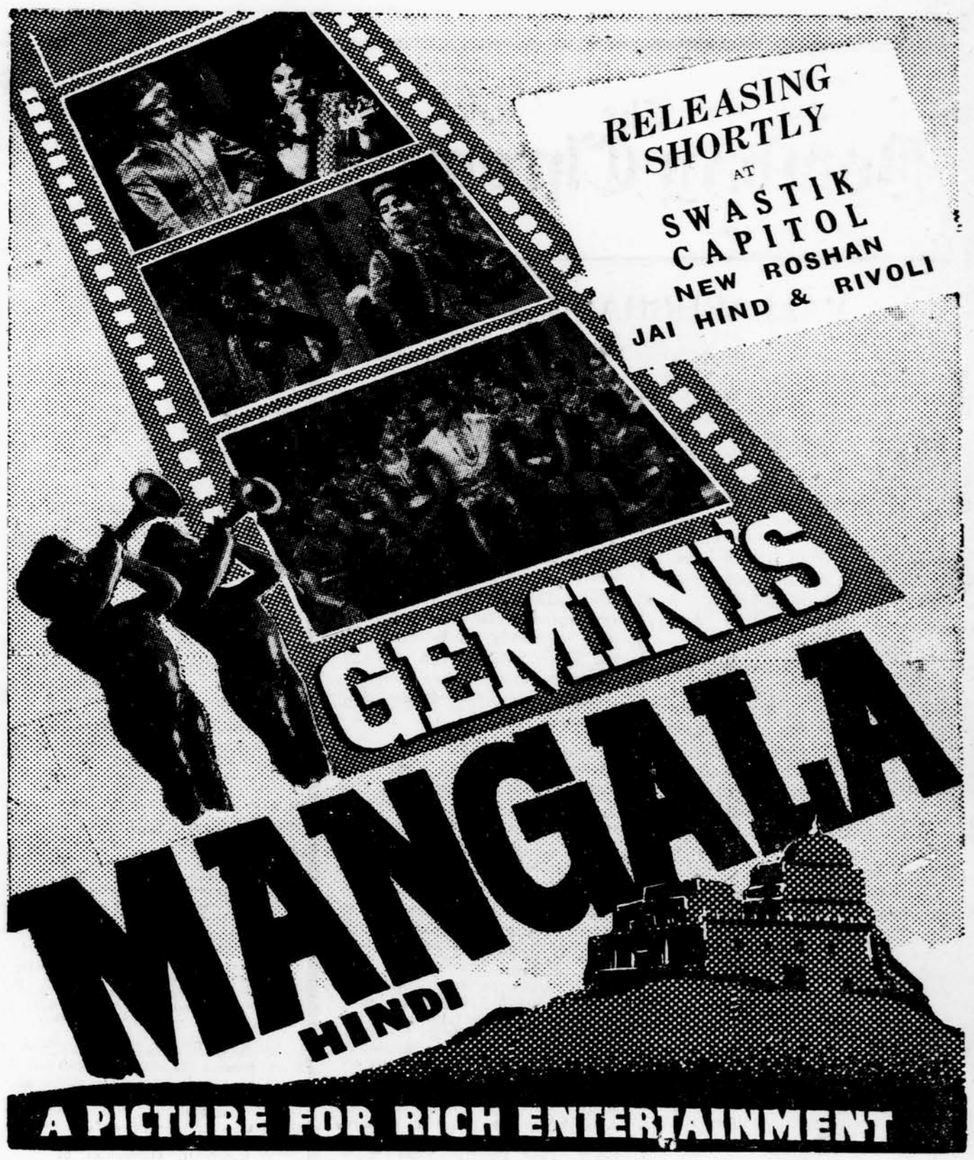
VARIATIONS—353 m., 80-00 Radio Orch., 08-45 Bhagvgeets, 12-45 Tantrakari, 13-00 M pad, 13-30 Geet, 13-50 Dwandwa geets, 17-30 P.M. Dewoolkar, multani, 17-45 Air artist, K bhavgeet, 18-00 Air artist, stage song, 18-20 For villages in M, and at 18-50 in K, 19-30 Commercial news, 20-15 M. Ajinkya, 20-30 Letters' replies, M, 20-45 R. V. Phadtare, short story reading, M, 21-00 Folksongs, 21-30 Sangeet sadhana (interview with R Poochwale, 22-00 Anjanibai Lolekar, shankara.

BARODA

250 m., 07-45 Pratahsmaran, 08-15 G geets, 08-30 V. Potkar, khayal, 18-20 A. Mody, guitar, 18-30 For rural listeners, 19-00 S. J. Parmar, ghazals, 19-15 Letters' replies, 19-30 C. Shetye, violin, 19-45 K. L. Jadhav, khayal, 20-00 Film songs, 20-10 Locals, 20-30 As in Ahmedabad, 21-15 S. J. Parmar, ghazal, bhajan, 21-30 S. Mistry, khayal, 21-50 Radio orch.

AMEDABAD

326.1: 07-55 Pratahsmaran, 08-15 V. R. Athavale, orch., 08-30 Hear this, 18-20 As in Baroda, 18-30 G. Dantale, cl. vocal, 18-45 New songs, 19-00 As in Baroda, 19-15 M. C. Shah's talk on Ahmedabad, 19-30 For industrial workers, 20-00 Locals, 20-05 A. Shah, G geets, 20-30 G. Dantale, cl. vocal, 20-45 A. Shah, G geets.



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Holiday In City

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay have issued a special notification declaring today, December 15, as a public holiday in Bombay State, under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

IN AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15 (UPI).—Ahmedabad was profoundly grieved on receipt of Sardar Patel's death.

The news spread like wild fire throughout the city. Schools, shops, mills and bazars were immediately closed and all business activities totally suspended. Local papers flashed the news in black-bordered supplements.

Streams of visitors poured in Congress House since morning. Among them were prominent millowners, merchants, businessmen and ashramites, besides all Congress workers of the city.

Gujarat's bravest son has at last gone. The void made by his death will never be fulfilled. Gujarat will feel Sardar's absence most.

This was the comment in every body's mouth in the Congress House.

A.I.N.E.C. Office Closed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI): The Office of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference will remain closed as a mark of respect to the late Sardar Patel, Assistant Secretary of the AINEC announced this morning.

CITY MARKETS SUSPEND BUSINESS

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

As a mark of respect to the death of Sardar Patel, all city markets suspended business.



NO SQUEEZING OUT OF INDIAN SHIPPING BY FOREIGNERS

NEW DELHI, December 14 (PTI): The Government of India have decided to place orders for three more ships to be built by the Vizag shipyard. The decision has been communicated to the Scindias.

Pending examination of the question of the future of the shipyard, this interim help has been decided upon by the Government.

This statement was made by Industry Minister Mahatab in Parliament today in reply to Mr. S. C. Samanta who had asked about the condition of Indian shipping trade.

The Commerce Minister, who was replying him in detail on Indian coastal trade as well as overseas shipping, said that the Government had decided to reserve completely India's coastal trade for Indian shipping by August 1951. At present 77 per cent of the coastal trade was carried by Indian shipping companies.

Further, the question of substituting the present coastal conference by a more suitable machinery was now under consideration in consultation with the Indian shipping companies. There was thus no question of Indian shipping companies being squeezed out by foreign concerns.

In regard to overseas shipping, the Government had helped Indian shipping companies to become full members of the shipping conference controlling the India/U.K./Continent, India/North America, India/Australia and India/Malaya trades.

The two Indian shipping companies operating in the overseas trade have a total tonnage of 176,000.

STRIKE AND CLASHES IN NIGERIA

LAGOS, Nigeria, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Police armed with batons clashed with pickets today in a strike unofficially estimated to involve 20,000 workers in Nigeria.

The strikers want a 12-1/2 per cent cost of living allowance retrospective from April 1.

The strikers are mostly United Africa Company workers with a selection of workers in other European firms.

The strike has brought shipping and trading to a standstill.

DIPLOMATS' TRIBUTE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (UPI): On behalf of the members of the diplomatic corps in the capital, Prince De Ligne, Belgian Ambassador, who is the doyen of the diplomatic corps here, conveyed condolences on the death of Sardar Patel, to the president Dr. Rajendra Prasad at the Palam Airfield this morning prior to latter's departure for Bombay.

Trading in the Singapore pepper market was steady with both Lampong and White Muntok unchanged at 540 and 970 dollars per picul respectively.

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The Bombay Chronicle

VALLABHBHAI PATEL

The suddenness of death is regarded as perhaps the most grievous of all shocks. He did not die suddenly. The tragedy had been hanging over the country and the people in the shape of grim inevitability. Yet the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has come as a grievous shock to the entire country. A nation is in mourning for, it is, in the most genuine sense of the words, a national bereavement. And naturally so.

The Sardar's was, as his colleague and comrade, the Prime Minister of India said in Parliament, "a great life" and its story is a "great story". Jawaharlal Nehru summarised it in these moving words: "It is a great story that all of us know and the whole country knows. History will record it in many pages and call him the builder and consolidator of the new India and will say many other things about him. But, perhaps to many of us here, he will be remembered as a great captain of our forces in the struggle for freedom and as one who gave us sound advice in times of trouble as well as in moments of victory, a friend and colleague and comrade on whom one could invariably rely, as a tower of strength, which revived wavering hearts when we were in troubles."

The whole country knows the great story of that life. But it should be recalled in expression of a nation's gratitude for the services he rendered it with self-less single-minded devotion for nearly half a century.

Mahatma Gandhi "discovered" Vallabhbhai Patel and no discovery could have fulfilled hopes and expectations in such full and rich measure. It was characteristic of Vallabhbhai, variously described in later years as the "iron man" and the "great realist", that he did not respond to Gandhiji or his call in blind sentimentalism. He analysed and criticised. And when he came, he came with a cool and calculated understanding of the Master's message, the issues involved in that message and the work and sacrifice which the message demanded in the pursuing and carrying out of it. And he brought with him that tremendous, dynamic force, energy and driving power of which the achievement today is modern, integrated India.

It was not known, writes Mahadev Desai, who first give him the title of "Sardar". But "Sardar" he proved himself, a leader, a "captain of our forces in the struggle for freedom", as Jawaharlal said, who could pass the Master's inspiration to the meek farmer of Gujrat and fashion out of him one of the most historic challenges to the might of the mightiest Imperialism yet in history. His career in the struggle for freedom and service to the country under Mahatma Gandhi's leadership began with his first clash with Government. Thereafter he participated in the writing of so many chapters of the history of India's struggle for freedom, and there is one chapter Bardoli, among the most glorious, which he wrote all by himself.

Then came the call to the fighter for the country to turn administrator of it. Vallabhbhai, the "Sardar" in destroying Imperialism proved himself "the Sardar" too in building up free India. What he achieved in two or three years is triumph of patriotism and genius, almost unequalled in history. It is a triumph all the more glorious and infinitely to be thankful for when considered in the context of the grave, nerve-wracking, heart-breaking situation.

Well can it be said of Vallabhbhai that if you want a monument to his achievements look around you from one end of India to another. He achieved more than it is given to any, save few, to achieve. He has left accomplished more than it is given to any to accomplish in a life time let alone a few short years. But what of the future?

In one of his speeches the Sardar has said: "Our life's mission has been fulfilled. We undertook the responsibility of running the administration of the country on our old shoulders as we desired to hand over the same to the younger generations as a running concern." A mission has been truly fulfilled. But how much more remains to be done by those he has left behind, calls, indeed, urgently to be done by them all?

Liberty has been won, India integrated and, administration achieved as a running concern. But liberty has to be preserved and consolidated and India given health and strength. There is no turning away from grim reality: Vallabhbhai himself would not have had it that way. There are dangers facing the country and the nation. We are in the midst of a crisis rendered all the more menacing and dreadful by the tragedy of his death. And in a very eminent degree it is Congress and Congress leaders who can face and fight that crisis to save the country from calamities.

It is no use glossing over the hard fact that Congress is in the grip of a grave internal malaise. But it is also no use arguing over respective responsibilities or apportioning blame. Death closes controversies. But Vallabhai's death also calls all Congressmen to close ranks too. It has for all Congressmen without any distinction of group affiliations for whatever reasons, left a gaping void to fill. For, otherwise the organisation and with it, all that it stood for and all that it promises and, in fact, guarantees to the country and the nation, may die.

Congress has been deprived of its greatest single force and strength. What it has lost can be made good only by joint effort in re-conciled rededicated determination. For Congressmen of all persuasion it is a call of urgent duty. It is also an opportunity, the opportunity to prove themselves worthy of the organisation, worthy of the country and, indeed, worthy of their own proud past.

Some Tributes

After his release from Yarvada Jail in year 1933 Mahatma Gandhi wrote about Sardar Patel: "It was a great privilege for me to have been with Sardar Vallabhbhai. I was well aware of his matchless bravery and his burning love of the country, but I have never lived with him as I have had the good fortune during the 16 months. The affection with which he covered me, recalls to me that of my own dear mother. I never knew him to possess motherly qualities. If the slightest thing happened to me he would be out of his bed. He superintended every little detail in connection with my comforts. He and my other associates had conspired to let me do nothing .....His solicitude for the farmers of Bardoli and Kaira I can never forget."

SAROJINI NAIDU: "His stern, rugged and grave exterior is like an iron casket that holds rare and hidden gems of devotion, sweetness and charm."

RAJENDRA PRASAD: Dr. Rajendra Prasad said in a tribute on Sardar's 74th birthday: "During the last 14-15 months, ever since he joined the Indian Cabinet, he has been fighting against heavy odds and achieving phenomenal successes. Bringing into the Indian Union 500 and odd Indian States is a historical episode which is almost a miracle. The phenomenon is unique inasmuch as this was achieved with record speed and in a peaceful and non-violent manner and with mutual consent of the rulers and the ruled..... "

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: "Sardar Patel is a valiant fighter in the cause of freedom and having won freedom is now engaged in retaining it. He has changed the map of India."

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

HONGKONG, December 15 (PTI-Reuter): Peking radio heard here quoted Communist China's terms for peace in the Pacific as listed by the Peking newspaper "People's Daily."

They were: Withdrawal of "American aggressive troops" from Korea and Taiwan-Formosa,—ending of "encircling of China" and "cessation of all activities of armed expansion and war preparations."

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In a speech at Karachi, Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan said that peace in Asia depended on peace and amity between India and Pakistan and added that he hoped and prayed that India and Pakistan would settle all their issues without loss of time.

We wholeheartedly say "Amen" to what Mr. Liaquat Ali said he hoped and prayed.

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The East Bengal Governor Malik Feroz Khan Noon has, we read, declared that Pakistan "was not going to devalue her currency". And if any one tried to force them to do so he was only making a "wild goose chase."

If Feroze Khan Noon said that then it may be safely assumed as certain that Pakistan will devalue her currency.

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PARIS: French military aircraft launched repeated and violent attacks against Viet Minh troops and positions in Southern Viet Nam.

Not we hope, however, with the results in northern Viet Nam.

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An East Berlin report announces that North Korean Premier Kim Ir Sen has appealed to Koreans not to give retreating U.N. forces any breathing space and to "destroy the enemy wherever he appears," etc., etc.

There is obviously a mistake somewhere. Comrade Kim was, of course, appealing to the Chinese and the Mongolians.

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The Spanish Foreign Minister has, we are interested to note, declared that now that peace is in danger Spain is ready to "occupy worthily the position which corresponded to her" in the defence of Western civilisation.

Which corresponded to her unworthily.

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Professor Blackett has suggested to his fellow-scientists from abroad to imbibe the "fascinating progress free India is making under Premier Nehru."

Between Professor Blackett and Mr. D N. Pritt they are badly shocking the comrades, we fear.

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According to a Flushing Meadows report, the United Nations General Assembly has decided to hold its 1951 session in Europe.

Our congratulations to the U.N. General Assembly on so optimistically looking forward to holding its 1951 session in Europe.

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WASHINGTON, November 14: An Air Force spokesman said today that there were indications that the Communist Air Force was starting to wage an all-out air in Korea.

The "volunteer" Air Force with "volunteer" airmen manning "volunteer" aircraft "voluntarily" acquired from———nowhere.

THE PEASANTS' SARDAR

By Mahadev Desai

I DO not know who gave Sjt. Vallabhbhai the appellation of the Peasant's Sardar but it was spontaneously given and taken up by every one who heard it. And no title was better deserved. One of the secrets of the Sardar's success in Bardoli was his burning love for the peasant and his overmastering passion to help him out of his woes.

It was in the year 1917-18 that Sjt. Vallabhbhai came under Gandhiji's influence and learnt from him the first principle of Indan nationalism—that the real India is to be found in the Indian villages and the peasant is at the heart and centre of it, and that no scheme of freedom or programme of work would have any meaning unless it was framed with special, even exclusive, reference to the peasant. And among those who devoted themselves to carry out the teaching, the names of the late Maganlal Gandhi and Sjt. Vallabhbhai stand out prominently.

SON OF THE SOIL

The master enunciated the principles, the disciples thought out their practical applications and gave all their time and energy to carrying them out in various spheres. And in this Sjt. Vallabhbhai had a special advantage not even enjoyed by the master. The son of an agriculturist, he had taken his first lessons in mental arithmetic from the father who always took him with himself to the fields and gave him the lessons on the way to and fro. Those early days and that intimate familiarity with the sons of the soil created in him a strange fascination for the life of the peasant. I have been closely associated with the Sardar for over ten years now and have been with him in all his campaigns, but nowhere have I found him in his speeches referring to the peasant in the moving way in which he has done in Bardoli. The reason is not far to seek. In the Kheda campaign he was as much a camp-follower as any of us and rarely spoke. In Borsad the grievance for which redress was sought was a local grievance of a special character. But in Bardoli he came to grips with the root cause of the poverty of the peasant. The work was after his heart. He had seen the Kheda agriculturist getting more and more impoverished every day, and had watched his helplessness with deep concern and sorrow. To him therefore Bardoli came as a godsend and he saw that it was possible to give an object lesson to the whole of Gujarat through Bardoli.

LOT OF PEASANTS

His apotheosis of the peasant has a twofold basis—his keen sense of the very high place of the peasant in a true social economy, and his poignant anguish at the very low estate to which he has been reduced. "If any one is fit to walk with his head erect on this earth, it is the peasant. He is the producer, the others are parasites," he said in more than one of his speeches. But what a sorry plight he has been reduced to! "The whole world depends on you two—the agriculturist and the labourer, and yet you are the worst abused people on earth. I am grieved at the woeful state of helplessness to which you have been reduced. You shudder at the sight of a worthless Government peon who can compel you to do his bidding. The Government taxes you according to its sweet will, and you have no voice in it. There is a soil rate, and a water rate, a special irrigation rate and a special subsoil water rate, even the improvements that you make at your cost and by your labour are taxed. You toil in the fields even as your own bullocks do from morning until evening, in biting cold, in scorching heat and drenching rain. You grapple with scorpions and wade through mud and raise a crop of rice to feed yourselves and your children. But even that rice must be taxed. Why are you so fear-stricken? Why are you so inarticulate? I feel deeply ashamed and humiliated at your plight. I shall feel myself blessed and all my labours fufilled when I see you come to your own and walk erect like men."

"That you who have the courage," he said, addressing a Raniparaj Conference, "to risk your lives in climbing the toddy and the palm trees, shooting straight up to the sky without a branch or a stump to afford a foothold, that a daring people like you should be afraid of people who fight shy of that adventure is incomprehensible, is intolerable."

He believes with Voltaire that the present-day politicians "have discovered in their fine politics the art of causing those to die of hunger who, by cultivating the earth, give the means of life to others," and he burns with rage when he talks of the system which has made the peasant what he is and of those responsible for the system. "Who ordained that the Government should be the proprietor of the soil, and the cultivator a mere tenant? But it is on that theory, that a land tax is imposed on him which sucks him absolutely dry. And to complete the tragedy, Government have the support of our educated classes in that bleeding process."

HIS IDEAL PEASANT

The apotheosis is sometimes carried to an extreme. The peasant becomes the repository of all virtues, the paragon of perfection. "Where is there another so honest as a peasant, so free from bad habits and vices, so guileless so God-fearing, living on the sweat of his brow. Why should such a man fear any mortal man?" A seeming contradiction, is it not? A man who is so pure and guileless cannot but be fearless. Not that the Sardar does not see the contradiction, but therein he gives us a picture of his ideal peasant, wants his peasant followers to approximate to the ideal and to throw off all fear. Perhaps in Bardoli he came across men and women more approximating to the ideal than anywhere else, and that is why all references to the peasants in his speeches were full of melting pathos. Whatever they may be or may not be, he had certainly no doubt that they had a certain faith in God which kept them loyal to their cause and made them hold tenaciously to their pledges. Indeed these simple folk vivified and gave form and shape to the Sardar's latent faith in God. As Gandhiji put it, "Vallabhbhai found his Vallabh (God) in Bardoli." He saw that nothing but faith in God could keep together the thousands of men and women bound to their pledge. It is through religion that he found his approach to the hearts of those simple illiterate men and women.

"Land," he would say to these people, "would be found here, there and everywhere. But if a peasant betrays his pledge, the earth will cease to have its showers of rain. Let the peasant break his pledged word and he will ruin the world." The simple folk knew him and knew what he meant. And a leader had never a worthier following, and followers never a worthier leader.

HIS TRIUMPHS

The Bardoli Settlement was a triumph of truth and non-violence, the third of the Sardar's successful campaigns, the third milestone that he has had the honour of laying on the road to Swaraj. The Nagpur victory was the vindication of a technical right. The Borsad victory, won after a very short and swift campaign, only redressed a local grievance, and though no victory could have been more signal and decisive, the campaign because of its swiftness failed to draw the nation's attention to the extent that the Bardoli campaign had drawn. The Bardoli triumph was unique in that it compelled not only the nation's but the whole Empire's attention, and the justice and moderation of the people's demand won practically the nation's sympathy. It was unique in that it was fought by perhaps one of the meekest of the talukas in India, in that it affected the Revenue Department, whose dispositions it was up to now believed not even the gods may question, and in that it campelled a mighty Government pledged to crush the movement to yield within a fortnight of the pledge. It was unique in that the leader of the campaign shed all idea of personal prestige.

From 'The Story of Bardoli.'

U. S. I. S. Offers Sympathy

The United States Information Service prefaced its daily "News File" today with a black-border note saying: "The American Embassy and Consulates General express their heartfelt sympathy to the people of India on the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of India."

Tributes From The City

Gone When Needed Most

In spite of the fact that Sardar Patel had been in failing health for some time the news of his passing away this morning came as a great shock. His departure from us will be felt throughout the length and breadth of India. A personage of the highest character, great ability and unusual strength of will, has gone at a time when most we needed him. He has left an enduring mark in India. We shall not see the like of him again and it will be impossible to replace him adequately. My deep sympathy goes to his wonderful daughter, who has tended her father for many years with the utmost sacrifice, affection and devotion and to his son in Bombay, his son's wife and their children.

—RAJA MAHARAJ SINGH,
The Governor of Bombay.

An Ideal General

India has been afflicted by a number of calamities, natural and supernatural since the attainment of Swaraj—earthquakes, floods and drought —but the passing away of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is the greatest of these calamities. He was an ideal general. He inspired confidence in the masses of people by his intrepid and firm leadership. Such men cannot be replaced easily or at all. But we who are left behind must not merely yield ourselves to grief and despondency. His life and courage in the face of seemingly insuperable difficulties must be the object lesson we learn from his life as also from his death. May his soul inspire us all for India's service.

—B. G. KHER,
Chief Minister, Bombay.

Irreplaceable

Our freedom was achieved by three great architects—Gandhiji, Pandit Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai. Gandhiji died soon after freedom and Sardar Vallabhbhai we have lost today. Our country so far was fortunate in this that in our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister we had a matchless pair. The two were complementary to each other. Mr. Nehru's idealism, enthusiasm, international outlook was matched by the wise restraint and sagacity of the Sardar. Our hearts must go out today to our Prime Minister who has lost a great and devoted lieutenant. It is very difficult to say of any body that he is irreplaceable; but I think it can be truly said of Sardar Vallabhbhai that he has left a void in our public life which can never be filled up. It is a thousand pities, it is a great tragedy that this loss should have befallen us at the present juncture in the history of our country. We are facing a great crisis. We have to confront and tackle and solve many great poblems and we needed and needed badly his guidance, his wisdom and his statesmanship. If any one were to open the map of India he will see that the map of present India has been painted by Sardar Vallabhbhai. He removed the old yellow dots from the map and coloured them with national colour. We are stupified by the loss that it is difficult to realize the extent and nature of the loss. All that I can say is that in our Sardar we have lost a great and wise statesman, a devoted son and a redoubtable fighter, in the struggle for freedom.

—M. C. CHAGLA,
Chief Justice, Bombay.

Valiant In War Generous In Peace

Today, everybody in the country, regardless of his caste, creed, race, nationality, or status, will most intensely bemoan the loss sustained by India through the demise of the Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Undoubtedly Sardar was one of the greatest of Indians of modern times. Although he called himself a revolutionary in the past, he proved himself to be the most realistic statesman of the country, and his influence in the Cabinet was always on the side of good and orderly progress and for the maintenance of peace, law and order in the country. Whether it be in the administration of the departments under his control or in influencing the general policy of the Cabinet, he was most anxious to avoid a sudden break with the past. To my mind, the best trait in his character came to the forefront when he adopted a most generous policy towards the public services, and in the very bold and frank manner in which he defended the services against irresponsible criticism and attacks. His tribute to England and Englishmen after the transfer of the country to the sons of the soil was most handsome. In spite of all his sufferings in the past, he was always fair, and forgot all the bitterness of the past in dealing with the problems of the country and in his relations with England and Englishmen. In short, he was valiant in war and generous in peace. We can ill-afford his loss at this moment.

—VITHAL CHANDAVARKAR.

Place In History

The death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel leaves a void in the political life of the country. His part in the freedom struggle was colossal. With his immense capacity for organisation, he carried the Congress to great heights of power, both during the period of British domination and after. His work in levelling down the Princes was unique and typical of him, and a living monument to his greatness of purpose. To the Congress Party and the Rightists in the country, his loss is irreparable and will be specially felt during the coming election campaign. He lived a full rich life and died in harness. He has carved a niche for himself in the country's political history.

—P. A. WADIA.

Warrior To The Last

We mourn with the nation the passing away of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel a great patriot, a valiant fighter in the cause of freedom and one of the principal architects of free India. His heroic sacrifices during the years of struggle, his fearless devotion to duty his commanding political genius and matchless powers of organisation compelled a sense of unity and purpose and gave shape and direction to widely divergent elements in the achievement of the one single goal he held ever before him—the restoration of liberty, unity and greatness to this ancient land. Indomitable in spirit, he was a warrior to the last and died as he would have wished it like a great general on the field of battle. His life was an embodiment of Gandhiji's clarion call —

"Liberty's in every blow!
Let us do or die."

A towering personality whose presence was a source of strength and inspiration to the country has been removed from our midst in these perilous times and we pay homage and reverence to the great departed.

—K. R. P. SHROFF,
President, The Stock Exchange.

Iron Man Sardar

"We sportsmen of India grieve with our nation in its irreparable loss in the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. India has lost the architect of her growing nationhood and we sportsmen, our supreme vice-captain. March of time will invest our 'iron man Sardar' with immortality and we sportsmen are today grateful that during his life time already we made our humble contribution with the Vallabhbhai Patel Olympic Stadium in Bombay which will doubtless grow to be a famous arena for world olympiades."

—A. S. DEMELLO,
National Sports Club of India.

Kashmir Mourns

Dr. S. S. Nishat, Jammu and Kashmir Government Agent in Bombay said:

"Kashmir's thirty lakhs who but yesterday celebrated his birthday are plunged into mourning. They have lost a benign friend whose interest in their welfare was always deep and whose advice was at all times unerringly shrewd".

Refugees Orphaned

Mr. Nanik G. Motwane, Honorary General Secretary of the Sind Seva Samiti, and Mr. K. K. Shahani, Honorary General Secretary of the Sindhi Panchayats' Federation, said the refugees felt orphaned by the loss of Sardar Patel who had championed their cause and asked the Indian people to accept them as their brothers and sisters.

SAYINGS OF THE SARDAR

Independence has been won but this independence is only in relation to foreign domination. Real Swaraj is yet to be achieved. Swaraj which will usher in complete success in constructive spheres which I have detailed.

Freedom was not won by the sword and will not be protected by guns alone. Guns can protect freedom from aggressive designs of neighbours or other foreign States. But internally, it is the honest core of the people and the true realization of the responsibilities of a free citizen, that alone can save freedom from the machinations of self-seeking and interested parties and individuals.

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It is the duty of the majority community to protect the minority whose interests, as it were, come as part of a trust to the former. Muslims, after all, number only four crores, Hindus about thirty crores. It is incumbent on them, therefore, to protect the Muslims in India.

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Internal peace and communal harmony are absolutely essential if the Government are to go ahead with their plans for improving the lot of the common man in India. Disturbed conditions are detrimental to your own interests. Leave the work of fighting to the Government and we shall fight the real enemy of India.

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For an all-out industrial effort which is necessary in order to promote India's industries, support from labour is indisputably necessary, but labour has fallen on evil days. Its organisers know only one thing and believe only in one method. That is to prop up their leadership by strikes.

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In the task ahead we have to take labour and capital with us. If we fail to do so, we are doomed to disappointment. I have no doubt whatsoever that the conflict between labour and capital, and may I say, also the Government at this stage would be nothing but ruinous to the country. We have just now finished one chapter of exploitation. We should see that we do not find ourselves entering into another chapter in which we are exploited by a different type of forces which nevertheless are destructive and even more dangerous because they are internal.

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The workers should remember that they do not work only for their maintenance. They are not animals who are driven by the whip. They should realize their important role in the country and ask themselves what they are working for. On their efficiency and hard work depends the greatness of the country.

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This is not the time for controversies; instead, it is the time when we should close up our ranks and deal with the many serious and important problems that face the country, with determination, single-mindedness of purpose, unity of aims and vigour. I am quite clear in my mind that unless we do this we gravely imperil the present and future of this country.

OF ALL THINGS

A Life Heroic

COME, come; no time for lamentations now,
Nor much more cause. Samson hath quit himself
Like Samson, and heroically hath finished
A life heroic,.....
To himself and father's house eternal fame;
And, which is best and happiest yet, all this
With God not parted from him, as was feared,
But favouring and assisting to the end.
Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
Or knock the breast; no weakness, no contempt,
Dispraise, or blame; nothing but well and fair,
And what may quiet us in a death so noble.
.....There will I build him
A monument, and plant it round with shade
Of laurel evergreen and branching palm,
With all his trophies hung, and acts enrolled
In copious legend, or sweet lyric song.
Thither shall all the valiant youth resort,
And from his memory inflame their breasts
To matchless valour and adventures high.....

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REDS CROSS THE PARALLEL

Major Chinese Attack In North-East

TOKYO, December 15, (PTI-Reuter).

AIR Force pilots today reported that troops had attacked American positions near Chu nchon, nine miles south of the 38th Parallel.

It was stated in a communique issued by United States Air Force headquarters here that Chinese were attempting to storm an American hill top position which was 45 miles north-east of Seoul.

Afterwards an Air Force headquarters spokesman said they were not certain that the attackers were in fact Chinese and the Pilot's reports on this point were being rechecked.

Earlier in the day South Korean Army headquarters in Seoul had announced that Communist troops, reliably stated to be North Korean irregulars, had crossed the parallel in the western sector.

The main body of the Chinese army was then still believed to be at least 20 miles further north. After United States Air Force headquarters issued a correction to the communique deleting the statement that the Communists who made the attack near Chunchon were Chinese.

HAEJU OCCUPIED

The South Koreans stated officially that the Communists had occupied Haeju about eight miles north of the Parallel on the west coast and had then crossed the thirty-eighth line to Kaesong about fifty miles to the south-east.

Kaesong is five miles south of the parallel and about forty miles north of Seoul.

The South Korean statement did not state the strength of the Communist push.

The South Korean announcement said the Communists had occupied Haeju without resistance and implied that United Nations forces had withdrawn from the town.

Eighth Army official sources would neither confirm or deny that United Nations troops had abandoned Haeju.

The Eighth Army continued tonight to impose its new security blackout on Chinese Communist movements stating that it did not want to disclose the extent of its knowledge to the Chinese. It was believed, however, that there was a great deal of doubt on the exact location of the Chinese.

The front lines remained quiet today with no contact reported with Communist troops except a few guerilla skirmishes.

FIGHTERS CLASH

United Nations warplanes continued their attacks on convoys and supply lines.

High above the Yalu river on the Korea-Manchurian border American jet aircraft again clashed with Russian type jets.

Though heavily outnumbered they sent the Communist planes back over the border in a fight lasting 10 minutes. Two American pilots claimed hits. No American planes were damaged.

Over 600 casualties were claimed inflicted in 250 sorties flown by United States Fifth Air Force fighters and light bombers during the day.

No action was reported round the perimeter of the Hungnam beachhead in North-East Korea where Communist patrols forced small American withdrawals yesterday.

Latest available figures released by British sources here put the losses of the British Cammandoes in last week's breakout to the coast at 13 killed, 34 wounded and 28 missing.

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MANHUNT OF MYSTERY ISLAND

Truman Is Not Safe

SECRET SERVICE REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): The United States Secret Service has information that there may be further attempts on President Truman's life, according to its chief, Mr. U. E. Baughman.

After hearing his testimony an Appropriations Sub-Committee recommended today that the Secret Service be given all the additional funds it asked to guard the President.

Mr. Baughman also described Blair House, the President's temporary residence while the White House is being reconstructed, as a "fire trap" and "one of the poorest places for security."

In his testimony given to the committee behind closed doors and made public today Mr. Baughman said the attempt by two Puerto Ricans on November 1 to overpower White House officers and assassinate the President "has made imperative a revised estimate of the strength and deployment of the White House police to stop similar fanatical assaults possible in larger force."

35 Injured In Train Collision

ENGINES DAMAGED

LUCKNOW, Dec. 15 (PTI): Thirty-five passengers received slight injuries when Allahabad-Gorakhpur Fast Passenger collided with Gorakhpur-Siwan Fast Passenger while entering Gorakhpur station at 5-35 p.m. today, according to a report received here.

The report says the cause of accident is under investigation.

Both the engines of the trains and a third class bogie of the Banaras-Gorakhpur Passenger are reported to be badly damaged.

The track was cleared by about eleven tonight. Out of the thirty-five injured, two persons are reported to be serious.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Previous Closing	42.05
Today's Opening	42.28
Difference	+23
Today's Closing	42.15
Difference	+10



People file past the body of Sardar inside Birla House.

The Architect Of Modern India

For over 20 years—ever since Mahatma Gandhi hailed him as the Sardar of Bardoli, in recognition of the 1928 Bardoli no-tax campaign under his leadership—Vallabhbhai Patel dominated the country's public life.

"The Sardar" to millions of his countrymen, who adored him and Vallabhbhai to his intimate colleagues in the Indian National Congress, who looked to him for unerring leadership, Vallabhbhai Patel was popularly regarded as the iron man of the Congress. A stern disciplinarian, who always knew what he wanted and went after it with unflinching determination. The Sardar hid a most affable disposition behind a rough exterior and outspoken speech.

He was Mahatma Gandhi's right-hand man during the hectic days of the independence movement and was his constant companion both in jail and outside. Early in his career, he established his claims to leadership in his own right, but the Sardar was always content to sit at his master's feet till the assassin's bullet snatched away Mahatma Gandhi in January 1948.

GREAT ADMINISTRATOR

One of the main pillars of the Indian National Congress throughout the past score or more years of its predominant position in the political life of the country, the Sardar showed glimpses of his great administrative ability when in 1937 as chairman of the Congress Parliamentary Board he directed the affairs of the Provincial Congress Ministries which had then accepted office as an experimental measure. But it was as the Deputy Prime Minister since the achievement of independence that the Sardar rose to the pinnacle of his achievement as an administrator. With the vital Home portfolio, in his hands, he tackled vigorously the problem of the six hundred and odd princely states of India, regarded on all hands as the worst legacy of a century of domination of the country.

Within two years, he had completely drawn the map of India to produce a well-knit united country, in which the six hundred and odd yellow patches, forming a jig-saw puzzle had all been put in place to give a rational pattern.

Sardar Patel was born in October 31, 1875 in the village of Karamsad in Gujarat.

He was educated at the Nadiad High School. He passed the District Pleaders Examination and later went to England to study law at Middle Temple, London. He was called to the bar in 1913. Returning from England in the same year he started practising as a lawyer in Ahmedabad.

GANDHIAN SPEEL

Soon afterwards in 1916, he came under the spell of Mahatma Gandhi, who had established his Satyagraha Ashram at Sabarmati and entered public life. He came into prominence as a Satyagraha leader first at Kaira and then during the Nagpur National Flag agitation. He was elected president of the Ahmedabad Municipality in 1924 nd continued in that capacity for four years.

In 1928, Sardar Patel left Ahmedabad and founded the Swaraj Ashram at Bardoli. In the same year, he mobilised the peasants of Bardoli and conducted the famous No-tax Campaign. Mahatma Gandhi acclaimed him as Sardar in appreciation of the efficiency with which he conducted the campaign.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Sardar Patel was elected President of the 46th session of the Indian National Congress held at Karachi in March 1931. He courted imprisonment several times in pursuance of the Congress civil disobedience movement.

As chairman of the Congress Parliamentary Sub-Committee from 1935, he controlled the Parliamentary activities of the first Congress Ministries formed in 1937 in seven out of 11 provinces.

In 1938 Sardar Patel organised the annual session of the Congress in Haripur, in Surat District, which became the pattern for many subsequent annual sessions of the organisation.

During the second world war, Sardar Patel was imprisoned twice, first in October 1940 and again in August 1942. His first imprisonment lasted only a few months as he was released owing to ill health. Next time he was detained along with other members of the Congress Working Committee in the Ahmednagar Fort for three years.

After his release from Ahmednagar on June 15, 1945, Sardar Patel played a prominent part in the Simla Conference convened by Lord Wavell, the then Viceroy of India and also next year in the Cabinet Mission talks, which led to the formation of the Interim Government. In the Interim Government itself, he assumed office as member for Home and Information and Broadcasting Departments. In addition to these, he took charge of the portfolio of States on July 5, 1947. He continued to be in charge of these portfolios after the attainment of freedom in August 15, 1947, till December 1948, when a Minister of State was appointed to take charge of information and broadcasting.

The Sardar's achievements in securing the accession, democratisation and integration of states and in maintaining the peace and tranquillity of India through critical times immediately after independence had been universally acclaimed.

HE HAD PREMONITION OF APPROACHING END

Foreboding When He Left For Bombay

The news was received with profound sorrow in the capital.

Political and diplomatic quarters paid handsome tributes to the foresight of the great Indian statesman whose demise has left a void in the body politic of India. "If Sardar says so, it must be so" had been the dictum both in the Congress Party as well as in the Government.

His departure to Bombay on Tuesday morning was poignant. He had been in failing health for some time and he seemed to have had a premonition of his approaching end. In fact he told a close associate that the end was near. President Rajendra Prasad, Prime Minister Nehru and others arrived at the airport long before the Sardar was scheduled to leave. Those who saw him off hoped he would return to the capital with health restored, but behind that hope lay a foreboding fear they tried hard to restrain.

On his last day in the capital, the President called on the Sardar at his residence. It was courtesy call and the two leaders did not talk much. "Jawaharlalji is carrying a heavy burden" is the only remark Sardar Patel was reported to have made.

BISMARCK OF INDIA

An hour before he left Delhi, the Sardar conferred with some of his principal officials on law and order problems and stressed the need to build up a strong executive machinery. His four years in office were epoch making and warm tributes were paid to him both in the Constituent Assembly and in parliament particularly for his stewardship of the States Ministry.

"There are no impassable barriers", he said, and worked long hours, undertook arduous tours in failing health and conducted difficult and exacting negotiations to solve what he called "puzzle" of the Indian States. The way he solved it earned him the title "Bismarck of India."

He laid considerable stress on the need for an efficient and strong executive machinery. The man who concluded negotiations with the United Kingdom for the winding up of the Indian Civil Service laid the foundation stone for the Indian Administrative Service.

None was too small for him to see. On an average a hundred persons used to interview him daily both on governmental and Congress organisational problems. The interviews were curtailed only on medical advice after his first heart attack last year.

UNDAUNTED

Sardar Patel's directive to his Ministerial Secretaries were that they should speak to him freely and fearlessly, particularly on issues on which they differed from him.

Sardar Patel could be a "Man of Iron", undaunted and unflinching when the occasion demanded it. He showed this quality particularly during the post-partition riots. During the September 1947 disturbances in Delhi, he went round every police station and ordered the police officers and men to be "tough" with the rioters regardless of community. In one mohalla alone he ordered the arrest of a hundred persons during a single night.

STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED TWO DAYS

As a mark of respect to the memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel the Stock Exchange will remain entirely closed on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th inst.

TRUMAN ASKED TO REMOVE DEAN ACHESON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Republican Congressmen today demanded the removal of Mr. Dean Acheson as Secretary of State.

They passed a resolution to this effect which will be passed to President Truman.

Republican leaders said the resolution was approved "overwhelmingly."

In addition to asking for Mr. Acheson's replacement it urged "changes in the personnel and policies responsible for this lack of confidence" in the State Department.

Senate Republicans were expected to take some stand concerning Mr. Acheson later.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee called a meeting of all Republican Senators for 9-30 p.m. GMT to consider a formal vote of no-confidence in Mr. Acheson.

Repairs To Tansa Duct Line

The Hydraulic Engineer, Bombay Municipal Corporation, informs the public that the water supply to the City will be slightly affected on the 19th, 20th and 21st instant, on account of the closure of the Tansa Masonary Duct line for carrying out urgent repairs to the same.

DAKOTA STILL UNTRACED

Aerial And Land Search

HASNUR (Mysore State), Dec. 15 (PTI): The Air-India Dakota, carrying twenty people, missing since Wednesday last between Bangalore and Coimbatore, was tonight still untraced after a vigorous aerial and land search for the third day today.

Mr. Bhaskaran, Hasnur Forest Inspector, is reported to have told Brigadier Habibullah, Sub-Area Commander, Bangalore, that on Wednesday morning he saw a plane "dipping" near a hill some distance away from his residence. A military patrol was making towards the region Mr. Bhaskaran has indicated.

Two I. A. F. craft and an Air-India Dakota helped by clear weather today, flew low over the entire Biligiri range covering Yelandur, Satyamangalam, Vekkatur and Kollegal.

Land search parties, reinforced by Mysore State Police, have combed a region of five hundred square miles between Satyamangalam-Kottamangalam in the south and Chamarajanagar-Kollegal in the north report tonight "no success so far."

Brigadier Habibullah, who is at Honnametti, 60 miles north of here where Attikkan Estate is situated, is directing military search operations. Brigadier Habibullah has established his headquarters on the Hasnur cross road junction. All search parties headquarters are connected by wireless with Coimbatore.

16 Swept Overboard In High Seas

PARIS, December 15 (PTI-Reuter): At least sixteen people were washed overboard from ships in mountanous seas off the west coast of France yesterday and today.

Ten ships have sent out distress signals in the last 24 hours. Two men were swept overboard from the British freighter Blairclova (5,083 tons) which was in difficulties.

Three men were lost at sea and several of the crew were injured in the 101-ton Greek ship "Aghios Spyridion" which entered Brest harbour this morning towed by a French tug. Yesterday she had signalled the crew were abandoning ship.

The 374-ton Italian "Brucciatutto" lost three men.

LONDON: The "Esso Aberdeen "a British ship and the 3506-ton Swedish steamer "Scandinavia" urgently radioed for help. Tugs from Brest were making for both ships tonight.

A French fishing boat sank with the feared loss of eight lives.

TRUMAN'S TALK TODAY

Emergency Likely

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): President Truman was expected to proclaim "a state of national emergency" in a nationwide radio speech tonight.

He is also expected to call for an all-out mobilisation of the home front to put the United States rearmament production on a semi-war footing.

Much higher taxes and a rigid wartime economy were regarded here as inevitable parts of American plans to meet the developing world crisis.

The President will review the world crisis and the need for home front mobilisation in a "fireside chat" at 10-30 p.m. Washington Time (3-30 a.m. G.M.T. Saturday). He will speak over all American networks and the State Department's "Voice of America" radio will carry the speech round the globe.

WEDDING RECEPTION CANCELLED

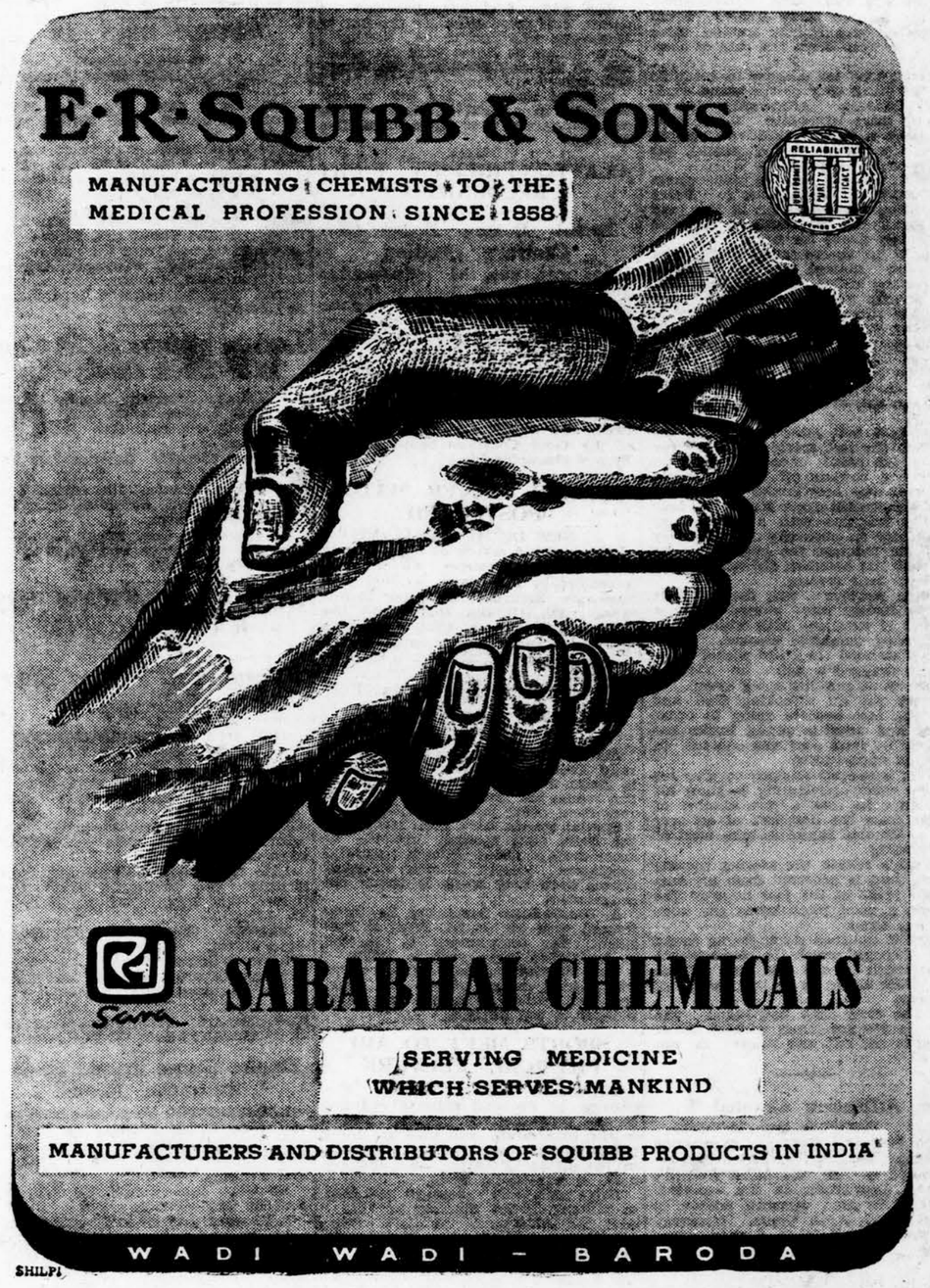
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CHAMPAKLAL G. MODI

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"Aussies" Score 309 For 3 Wickets

ARTHUR MORRIS SCORES BRILLIANT CENTURY

SYDNEY, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter).

AN AUSTRALIAN XI knocked up 309 for three wickets against the tolling M.C.C. attack on a perfect wicket here today, the opening day of their four-day match.

Basis of their score was a first wicket partnership of 170 by Arthur Morris, brilliant New South Wales left hander who got 100 and Ken Archer, the Queensland right hander who scored 81.

The pitch very hard and covered by only a small amount of grass was a batsman's paradise. The three wickets to fall were shared by John Warr, Eric Hollies and Bob Berry, who was taking his first wicket in a first class match on the tour.

Morris played his most attractive innings against the M.C.C. so far during this tour, driving with great power and timing his strokes with precision. He hit 12 fours in his 100 made out of 164 in 165 minutes.

Archer hoping to gain Jack Moroney's place in the second test played a defensive role for most of his innings and his fifty took 157 minutes. Later he became more aggressive and his partnership of 31 with Neil Harvey for the second wicket produced some bright cricket.

The M.C.C. bowlers stuck to their difficult task with courage and a further reward came when Harvey was sent back for 40.

Jim Burke, right hander who is competing with Archer for the remaining batting place in the second test played out time steadily with Keith Miller.

When Freddie Brown lost the toss to Morris all the signs pointed to the M.C.C. having to spend a long time in the field, as the pitch, a very light brown in colour was rock hard and covered by only a small amount of grass.

Accurate and aggressive medium bowling by Bedser and Warr in the early overs forced the Australian eleven's opening pair, Morris and Archer on the defensive.

Archer, a stylish righthander who usually plays a forcing game scored only four out of 15 in the first half an hour and at the end of 65 minutes had made only six.

At lunch the pair had taken the score to 67 for no wicket in 90 minutes play, Morris being out for 47 and Archer not out 15.

Morris and Archer continued their contrasting tactics after lunch, Archer playing stolid defensive cricket and Morris using all his strokes freely and with great assurance.

Then on the introduction of Berry into the attack came a burst of scoring. Berry could not spin the ball on this batting wicket and both batsmen hit his flighted slows freely. From the other end Hollies showed more ability to keep down the rate of scoring.

Archer took 157 minutes to reach 50 but the third fifty of the stand came in 31 minutes. Afterwards Morris became more aggressive than ever and with a lovely offdrive against Brown he completed his century out of 164 in 165 minutes.

Morris did not add to this score. Next over he jumped out to Berry and lifted him to Warr in the long field and he ran backwards to take the ball safely above his head.

Morris hit twelve fours in the most attractive innings he has played against the M.C.C. so far on this tour. His driving was full of power and precision timing.

Archer showed forcing powers in a bright partnership with Harvey before he fell in the last over before tea. Trying to hook, he hit over a googly from Hollies and was bowled.

At tea the Australians were 202 for two

The new ball attack after tea did not stop the fast scoring rate. Harvey was in his usual mood seeking to knock the bowlers off their length. He made the best stroke of the day when he straight drove Bedser for four and he followed with a cover drive which was so obviously a boundary from the moment the ball left the bat that the batsmen did not trouble to leave their creases.

Miller however was less happy against Bedser who bowled him a number of excellent balls which caused hurried defensive strokes.

Warr claimed the third wicket when Harvey dragged a ball on to the stumps in attempting a big sweep.

Brown set an attacking field and kept the fast bowlers going in order to try and unsettle young Burke but he took no risks and was content to wait his opportunity.

Miller appeared anxious to give his partner every opportunity to show his merits for he took a rare number of singles from the first ball of an over and so enabled Burke to take most of the bowling

For this reason the scoring became slower than is expected from an Australian team in the last hour of the day on a good pitch when the bowlers are tired.

After a cautious start, Burke found gaps through which to demonstrate his strength in one side play and he and Miller added 64 in their stand of an hour.

At the close they had taken the score to 309 for three wickets Miller being 53 not out and Burke 28 not out.

SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIAN XI (1st Innings)

K. Archer b Hollies	.....	81
A. Morris c Warr b Berry	.....	100
Harvey b Warr	.....	40
Miller not out	.....	53
Burke not out	.....	28
Extras	.....	7
Total (for 3 wkts)	.....	309

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Warr	18	2	50	1
Bedser	16	4	64	0
Brown	13	1	60	0
Hollies	17	4	56	1
Berry	9	0	72	1

Affiliation Granted

NAGPUR, Dec. 14 (PTI).

The Women's Hockey Association of Bengal has been affiliated and reorganised by the All India Women's Hockey Association as the representative body for women's hockey in Bengal, Miss A. J. Cama, Honorary Secretary of A. I. W. H. A., Announced today.

NO HOCKEY AT COOPERAGE

To-day's Matches Also Postponed

BOMBAY, Friday.

No hockey was played at the Cooperage this evening owing to the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Deputy Prime Minister of India.

The B. P. H. A. also decided to observe Saturday as a holiday as a mark of respect for the deceased.

The fixtures for Sunday are: 2-45 p.m. Grant Medical vs National (Inter College). 3-45 p.m. Times of India "A" vs Tatas. 4-45 Goan's "A" vs Lusitanians "A" (Senior Division).

MANICOU SCORES FOR THE QUEEN

Ewell Handicap Steeplechase

SANDOWN PARK, (Surrey), Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): Queen Elizabeth saw her five-year-old steeplechaser Manicou jump into an easy six lengths win in the Ewell Handicap Chase here today.

Manicou's task was made easier when top weight Freddie Fox after producing a great burst of speed to range alongside the royal horse ran off the course four fences out.

The gelding's victory provided the Queen with consolation for the loss of Monaveen who had to be destroyed after falling at Hurst Park two weeks ago. It also coincided with the King's birthday.

Manicou started a hot four to five favourite in a field of nine for the race which was over three miles, five furlongs.

CLAYTON-PHILLIPS FIGHT RECOGNIZED

British Boxing Board Of Control's Decision

LONDON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): The British Boxing Board of Control have unanimously agreed to recognise the fight between Ronnie Clayton, the British and Empire featherweight champion and Al Phillips at Nottingham on January 29 as being for the titles provided it is staged under championships conditions. They are also prepared ot recognise a contest between the winner and Loy Ankarah of the Gold Coast as being for the Empire championship.

DURAND SOCCER MATCH POSTPONED

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI).

The opening match of the Durand Football Tournament which was scheduled to be played at 3-30 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, December 16 between 8th Gurkha Rifles and the Young Men's Sports Club has been postponed and will now be played on Sunday December 17 at 2 p.m.

Elaborate Arrangements For Durand Cup Football

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14.

Sixteen teams will play in the Durand Football Tournament starting in Delhi from December 15. Eight of the teams are from Delhi and the rest from other parts of India.

Special stands have been erected at the Delhi Gate football grounds to accommodate about fifteen thousand spectators. Nearly fifteen thousand rupees have been spent on these arrangements.

A Tournament Committee has been formed with Mr. H. M. Patel as President. The tournament is expected to be played every year in Delhi.

The Durand Football Tournament which used to be played in Simla has been revived from this year after a lapse of ten years.

SPORTS MEET TO AID PHYSICAL CULTURE

LUCKNOW, Dec. 9, (PTI): The Council of Physical Culture engaged in the promotion of physical culture in the rural areas, will hold an inter-village sports meet for the first time in the Uttar Pradesh in January next it was learnt here.

This "men only" meet to be held in villages in the districts of Lucknow and Allahabad to start with, will include wrestling, hu-tu-tu, shot put, and acrobatics.

High Jump Prodigy

PERTH, (PTI-Reuter): New high jumping hope of Western Australia is 14 year old Des Archibald who is being coached by Olympic champion John Winter's mentor, Jerry Haire.

The boy recently cleared 5 feet 7¾ inches which bettered Winter's record at the same age.

Arrangements are being made for Winter, who has retired, to coach Archibald.

Madras Races Third Day

MADRAS, December 15, (PTI).

The following are the acceptances for Madras Races, December Meeting, Third Day, Sunday, 17th December 1950.

THE KANCHI PLATE (Dist. 6 Furlongs):

Golden Hind 9-4, Night Queen 8-13, Win Again 8-0, Yankee Doodle 8-0, Sunny 7-8, Fireworks 7-6, Rasilli 7-4, Wisdom 7-4. (Div. I) Dist. 1 mile:

THE BANGALORE PLATE (Div. I) Dist. 1 mile:

Naga Kanya 9-4, Sankey 9-0, Tawaqul 8-12, Zedai 8-9, Swathanthra 8-7, Wedding Day 8-6, Kaffir Chief 8-5, Royal Run 8-5.

THE K. O. GOLDEN MEMORIAL PLATE (Dist. 1 mile 1 fur.):

Sicily 9-7, Double Chime 9-3, Deuce of Clubs 9-3, Shah Nawaz 8-7, Big Idea 8-7, Helvetia 8-6, Notice 7-10, Surprising 7-8, Begum Chitor 7-4, Very Light 7-4.

THE DELHI PLATE (Dist. 1 1/4 miles)

Press One 9-4, Sonata 8-11, Fleet Wings 8-9, Imperial Majesty 8-9, Ganga Singh 8-9, Blue Train 8-7, Dolly 8-5, Camlin 8-5.

THE MADURA PLATE (Dist. 5 Furlongs:

Alma 9-6, Basilian 9-5, Kaffir Chief 9-0, Harlem Lights 8-12, Princess of Hindustan 8-8, Ginger Girl 8-6, Widad 8-4, Rubayat 8-2, Gipsy Maid 8-0, Dauntless 8-0, Miss Pierrot 7-10, Pretty Fast 7-6, Raj Luxmi 7-6, Malka 7-6, Contessa Neuvy 7-4, Photocopy 7-4.

THE BANGALORE PLATE (Div. II Dist. 1 mile):

Crescendo 9-4, Oscar 9-3, Adorable 9-1, Pine Flower 9-1, Motkin 8-13, Golden Boy 8-7, Al Kajora 8-6, Dutari 8-1, Panthers Pride 7-12.

THE DARJEELING PLATE (Dist. 6 Furlongs):

Sabah Al Khair 9-4, Royal Express 9-2, El Alamein 8-13, Lady Doctor 8-0, Courtship 7-13, Flying Jester 7-10, She's Nice 7-9, King's Dream 7-7, Handley Cross 7-6, Windsor Lass 7-6.

SPORT MEET IN KANDIVLEE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Kandivlee Vyayam Mandir is organising an open sports meet for Kandivlee, Malad and Borivli residents.

The meet which consists of various items for boys and girls both open and juniors will be held on 7th and 14th January 1951 on the Vyayam Mandir grounds.

Entries will be accepted upto 17th December and forms and further details can be had from the office of Shree Kandivlee Vyayam Mandir, Habibhai Road, Kandivlee, on all days except Mondays between 7 to 9 a.m. and 5-30 to 7 p.m.

Larsen Thinks U. S. Can Win Back Davis Cup

SYDNEY: American Tennis Champion Art Larsen thinks the United States can win back the Davis Cup next year.

Besides himself, America had two other singles players, Budge Patty and Herbie Flamm,, who should beat Australia's Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor, he said.

"I think the Cup would have still been ours if Patty had played" he said.—(PTI-Reuter)

GUJERAT'S TEAM FOR RANJI TROPHY

Strong And Young Side Selected

(BY OUR CORRESPONDENT)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 14.

The Gujerat Cricket Association will it is understood field one of the strongest and youngest sides in the semifinal round of Ranji Trophy, West Zone against the winners of the Baroda versus Saurashtra match.

The team will be selected from among the following and the match will be played on January 11, 1950.

Phiroje Cambatta (Captain), Jasu Patel, Jyolindra Shodhan, Walter D'Souza, Dipak Shodhan, Udayan Chinulai, H. A. Nakhuda, Vinoo Mankad, Poly Umrigar, Gul Mahomed, G. Kishenchand, The Reserves are:— Asha Murchandani H. E. Reshanwalla, G. M. Guard.

Empire Games Runner Breaks Australian Record

LAUNCESTON, Tasmania: In a special run, Empire Games representative Bill Emmerton set an Australian 10,000 metres record at 32 minutes 25.5 seconds.

He beat Don Campbell's 1946 record by 14.3 seconds.

Emmerton said he will concentrate on 10,000 metres for the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki —(PTI-Reuter).

Davar's College Of Commerce



Mrs. Chagla distributing the prizes to the winners of the amusing statue dance competition. On Mrs. Chagla's right is the Chief Justice, the Guest of Honour and on her left is Mr. Rustom S. Davar, Joint Principal of Davar's College.

COMMONWEALTH SCORE 151 FOR 2 BEFORE LUNCH

Play Curtailed Due To Sardar Patel's Death

NAGPUR, Dec. 15, (PTI).

THE sad demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, curtailed play today, the first day of the fixture between the Touring Commonwealth team and the Madhaya Pradesh Governors XI to the pre-lunch session here.

When stumps were drawn the visitors in their first innings had scored 151 for the loss of two wickets.

Big hitter Gimblett compited his first century of the tour—an unbeaten 103 in 108 minutes—which was the feature of the restricted day's play.

Gimblett, unperturbed at the dismissal of Fishlock and Emmett in quick succession at the other end, always attacked the bowling. He scored most of his runs with intelligently lofted strokes to vacant spots on the leg side and the country.

The three-day match between the Commonwealth Team and the Madhaya Pradesh Governor's XI commenced here today on jute matting wicket of the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association Grounds.

The visitors won the toss and Fishlock and Gimblett opened their innings.

The teams:—

COMMONWEALTH: (in order of batting) L. B. Fishlock, H. Gimblett, G. M. Emmett, F. M. Worrell (Captain), W. H. H. Sutcliffe, B. Dooland, G. Trbe, A Barlow (wicket keeper) R. R. Dovey, K. T. Ramadhin and F. Ridway: Twelgth man: H. Stephenson.

M. P. GOVERNOR'S XI: V. Mankad (Captain), P. R. Umrigar, G. Kishenchand, S. W. Sohoni, M. R. Rege, G. Ramchand, Kamraj Kesari, Gopi Naidu, S. S. Jog, A. D. Mohoni (wicket keeper) and Suri Naidu: Twelfth man: G. D. Misra.

Umpires: Messrs J. Subhaswamy and N. P. Salve.

Fishlock and Gimblett who opened against the medium attack of Sohoni and Ramchand scored at a fast rate and 60 appeared on board in 45 minutes. One run later Ramchand was relieved by the medium paced off break bowler, Kamraj Kesari. The change produced immediate result, Fishlock being caught by Rege at mid on off Kesari's fifth ball. (61-2-22).

Emmett joined Gimblett. At 88 Gimblett who was then 59 was dropped by Suri Naidu near the screen off Kesari. Two runs later, Ramchand who had earlier taken over from Sohoni claimed the wicket of Emmett in the second over of his spell. Emmett played forward to one that kicked up from good length and spooned a low return catch to the bowler. (90-2-10). Worrell came in next and opened his scoring with a push to mid on for two off Kesari the stroke signalling the 101 in 85 minutes. Gimblett continued to hit freely and completed his first century of the tour in 108 minutes. His score included fifteen fours.

At 151 lunch was taken with Gimblett and Worrell being unbeaten with 103 and 16 respectively.

Further play for today was cancelled as a mark of respect to Sardar Patel.

SCORE BOARD

COMMONWEALTH (First Innings)

L. B. Fishlock c Rege b Kesari	22
H. Gimblett not out	103
G. M. Emett c and b Ramchand	10
F. M. Worrell not out	16
Extras	0
Total (for two wickets)	151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/16, 2/90.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
S. W. Sohoni	14	1	61	0
G. S. Ramchand	13	1	49	1
Kamraj Kesari	12	1	38	1
G. Kishenchand	1	0	3	0

IRREPARABLE LOSS TO INDIA

"The Government of Bombay has learnt with the most profound grief the sad news regarding the death of the Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India", says a special notification published in a black-bordered Gazette, Extraordinary dated December 15, 1950.

The Notification adds: "He had dedicated his whole life to the service of his country and till he breathed his last, he continued to work for the uplift of his people. The title of 'SARDAR' was very aptly given to him by Mahatma Gandhi on account of the able leadership with which he conducted the campaign in Bardoli. As a trusted lieutenant of Mahatma Gandhi, he waged a continuous fight against alien rule and played an outstanding part in winning freedom for his country.

"After the achievement of independence he had to shoulder a very heavy responsibility as Minister of States and Home Affairs. The merger of States, large and small, which has unified India into one nation, will remain a lasting memorial of his service for India. He was a great realist and throughout his life fought against odds with remarkable intrepidity and never deviated from the path which he had set before himself.

"The Government of Bombay deeply mourns the irreparable loss caused by the death of the Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who was a great politician, a wise statesman and a valiant fighter. To the members of his family, in their great bereavement, the Government of Bombay tenders its deep condolences and heartfelt sympathy."

SACRIFICED LIFE

Sir Archibald Nye, the British High Commissioner in India, in a letter to President Rajendra Prasad said:

"I venture to offer to you, and through you to the people of India, my deepest sympathies on the death of Sardar Patel.

"The part which he played in working for the freedom of India is well known to everyone, but I think that history will decide that his greatest contribution to the good of his country will have been the work which he has carried out during the past three and half years. He has faced problems of extreme complexity and of the highest importance with a sense of realism, a clarity of thought and a capacity for decisive executive action which has won the admiration of all observers. He carried on his work despite continued ill-health and he has clearly sacrificed his life on behalf of his country.

ACTIVE INTEREST IN I. A. F.

Air Marshal Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force, who was unable to proceed to Bombay due to illness, has sent the following condolence message to Miss Maniben Patel:

"May I on behalf of myself and all ranks of the Indian Air Force send you our deep-felt sympathies in your irreparable loss. Your father's active interest in our well being as a service was always a matter of great pride and inspiration to us and his passing away at this untimely hour, therefore, leaves a void which few shall fill."

In a separate message to Prime Minister Mr. Nehru, the Commander-in-Chief of the I.A.F., has also conveyed the "deep-felt sympathies" of all ranks of the Indian Air Force to the Prime Minister.

DETERMINATION

The Chief Minister of NWFP, Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan, in a message said: "However much we might have differed with the policies and actions of Sardar Patel, it must be said to his credit that he was a man who was endowed with iron will and a singleness of purpose. He was a man of action and unlike many other politicians carried out his decisions with vigorous determination."

The Rajpramukh of Madhya Bharat in a condolence message from Gwalior said that the news of Sardar Patel's death had stunned him. "He is virtually the founder of our State and we remember his manifold exertions for our welfare," the Rajpramukh added.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE

Fifty Years In Cause Of Commercial Education

BOMBAY, Friady.

DAVAR'S College of Commerce which is the pioneer college of commerce in India celebrated on Sunday last its Golden Jubilee with a Golden Jubilee Ball at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

The Chief Justice of Bombay, Mr. M. C. Chagla, was the guest of Honour. The Ball was a grand success, The air-Ball was a room of the Taj was packed to capacity with the past and present students of the College and with friends and admirers of the late Prof. Sohrab R. Davar, the founder of the College. There were several very interesting cabaret items including a vivacious Spanish dance by Leonor Maria, Songs by Miss Laura Hamilton, Manipuri dances delightfully executed by Miss Rashmi Doctor and Miss Lalita V. Kashinath. Miss Kashinath is an ex-student of the College and a niece of the well-known film director and producer, V. Shantaram. Sarah and Joshua Rubens gave a masterly demonstration of the Tango and Samba. A high-light of the show was a demonstration of the American Jive given by special request by two members of the Sacanadinavian Ice Revue. Mr. Sam and Miss Beshroze Thanawalla won a very keenly contested Quick Step competition judged by Mr. Josuna Rubens.

Among those present were the Chief Justice of Bombay with Mrs. and Miss Chagla, Mr. Justice Coyajee, Mr. and Mrs. Khandalawalla, Sir Fazal Rahimtoola, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Gagrat, Mr. and Mrs. D.P. Morarji

COMMEMORATING FOUNDER'S MEMORY

Mr. Rustom S. Davar, Joint Principal of the College, explained in the course of his speech that the Golden Jubilee Ball was but one of the items of the Golden Jubilee Celebration Programme of the College and that the Colege authorities had already held an Open Table Tournament and were going to hold early next year their Golden Jubilee Sports and Social Gathering. Mr. Davar further said that the College authorities intended to devote the proceeds of the celebrations to commemorate the memory of the founder of the College, the late Prof. Sohrab D. Davar.

In the course of his speech, the Chief Justice said that he knew very well at the bar the late Prof. Davar, Founder of the College. Prof. Davar held his College in greater esteem than anything else in his life. He had devoted fifty years of his life to the cause of commercial education and if he were alive today he would have been a very proud and happy man. Prof. Davar started the College in a modest way and today it had reached these heights. Davar's College was not only an educational institution but an achievement.

VERY POPULAR

The Chief Justice further observed that the popularity of the College could easily be judged from the very large gathering that had turned up that night. Mr. Chagla remarked that commercial education played a great role in the life of a country and that Commerce did not only mean buying and selling but was a thing of international importance. He added that in his opinion the greatness of a country depended on its commerce and industry and on the manner in which training was imparted in these subjects to its youth. This service the Davar's College had been rendering to the nation for the past fifty years. The Chief Justice was confident that now that India had become independent Davar's College would play a bigger and better role and celebrate its Diamond Jubilee with even greater pomp.

ONE OF A GREAT TRIUMVIRATE

London. Tributes

The news of the death of Sardar was received with profound regret in British political quarters.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, former Secretary of State for India, who headed the Cabinet Mission in 1946 said: "I am deeply grieved and shocked at the news of the death of Sardar Patel.

"When I was in India a few years ago with the Cabinet Mission I formed a very high opinion of his integrity, force of character and loyalty to his country.

"The work he has done since India attained self-government in building the various parts of the country has been most remarkable and has shown his great stature.

"I send to my friends in India my sympathy with them in their great loss."

KRISHNA MENON SHOCKED

The news came as a shock to Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India in London immediately summoned his staff officers.

Mr. Krishna Menon is awaiting official communique from New Delhi when he will convey the information formally to the British Government.

The death of Vallabhbhai Patel caused the cancellation of a reception due to have been held at India House, London today in honour of a visit of the Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Denis Lawson and the Lady Mayoress.

They were due to visit India House to see a raw materials exhibition. An India House announcement said a party of over 400 guests was to have been held in their honour.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Krishna Menon, sent this morning to the President of the Indian Republic a message of sympathy on behalf of the Indian community in London.

In his message Mr. Menon said: "We have learnt with profound grief of the passing away of our great national leader, the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and beg to convey to you on behalf of this mission, the Indian community in the United Kingdom and the many friends of India and of the late Deputy Prime Minister in this country as well as on my own behalf the sense of loss which we share with you, our government and our people. I request you to convey our heartfelt sympathy to the Sardar's son and daughter."

The India League of Britain which has been associated with the struggle of India for independence for over twenty-five years has called a public meeting for next Friday when a number of members of parliament and other friends of India are expected to pay their tributes to the departed Indian leader.

KING INFORMED

King George VI was informed at an early hour this morning of the death of Sardar Patel.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee was also told the news.

Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary of State, was today sending a personal message of sympathy to Prime Minister Nehru and the Indian people on the death of Sardar Patel.

ONE OF TRIUMVIRATES

London evening newspapers carried reports of the death on their front pages.

The Conservative "Evening News" report described him as India's strong man and one of a great triumvirate Gandhi, Nehru, Patel.

The Liberal "Star" said Patel was Gandhi's man of action, and what Gandhi preached Patel carried out.

The news came as a shock to members of parliament some of whom learned of the Sardar's death from the early morning radio.

Here was generally expressed regret that circumstances had prevented Mr. Patel from making a personal visit to Britain where his colleague Prime Minister Nehru is one of the most widely known of all Commonwealth leaders.

But if they were denied personal acquaintanceship with the Sardar, members of all parties were fully familiar with his career and his contribution to the building up of his country after the transfer of power.

Their reaction to the news of his death was that the Indian Government and people had suffered a heavy loss.

TRAGIC BLOW

News of the death cast a gloom over the Indian community in general and Indian diplomats in particular.

Every one said it was a great loss to India and that it had come to a critical juncture. The Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, Raj Pramukh of Saurashtra, and member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations was particularly affected as he was a personal friend of the Sardar and had played an important part with him in the integration of the Indian States after independence.

The Jam Saheb said: "The real consolidator of Indian independence is gone. The passing away of the Sardar at this time is a tragic blow. I wish I were in India now instead of here. He not only helped Indian Independence but worked as hard as ever before to make India great. "Personally I have lost a friend."

"I feel both bereaved and sad beyond expression".

The Dutch Foreign Minister, D. U. Strikker today cabled Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru the condolences of the Dutch Government at the death of the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

SENANAYAKE'S MESSAGE

The news of the death of Sardar Patel was received with profound regret by the people of Ceylon and the Indian community here.

The flag at the Indian High Commissioner's office was flown half-mast. The office was closed immediately on receipt of the news.

The Ceylon Indian Congress has organised condolence meetings throughout the Island for tomorrow.

Prime Minister D. S. Senanayake in a message to Pandit Nehru, said: "We are grieved to hear the very sad news of death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. We are aware of the significant part played by him both in the struggle for independence and in the setting up of the new Republic. Please accept sincere condolences of the Government and people of Ceylon on the great loss of your country by his death".

The Madras Government has declared today and tomorrow as public holidays as a mark of respect to the late Sardar Patel.

INDONESIAN PREMIER'S SORROW

The Indonesian Premier Dr. Mohemmed Natsir called on the Indian Ambassador, Dr. Subbaroyan, at Djakarta to express his government's profound sorrow at the demise of Sardar Patel.

Dr. Natsir told Dr. Subbaroyan that in Sardar Patel's death India had lost one of her greatest leaders.

MAN OF STEEL

Indian Ambassador in Djakarta, Dr. Subbaroyan said: "Sardar Patel will always be remembered for the work in connection with the unification of India and the solution of the states problem. He faced immense difficulties when the states were left in the air under the Cabinet Mission's declaration but the courage with which he solved the issue would always stand as a great contribution to the nation's progress.

TRIBUTES TO SARDAR FROM FAR AND NEAR

Mr. H. V. Kamath, M.P., said: "A Titan has fallen. Death has come to him, but not as he desired it—on the field of action. Ever since he came under the spell of Mahatma Gandhi over thirty years ago, his life had been an inspiring saga of purposeful endeavour for national freedom and its consolidation."

Mr. Bhimsen Sachar, former Chief Minister of East Punjab, described Sardar Patel's death as "the greatest tragedy since Gandhiji's death." He said, "His towering and imposing personality symbolised the stability of India."

ELEMENT OF STRENGTH

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Law Minister said: "Sardar Patel certainly supplied an element of strength and stability, which this country needs very badly today."

The Commerce Minister, Mr. Sri Prakasa: "Many persons today will seek and write of his great work both in winning this country's freedom and in consolidating that freedom when won. Many others will write on him as a great political leader and unerring statesman and efficient organiser and administrator, but I should like to dwell on his great human qualities of attracting to himself men of diverse views and keeping them attached to himself by silken bonds of love, which made it a joy for them to do his olding and be always ready to serve the cause that he made his own."

Mr. Khurshid Lal, Deputy Minister of Communications: "Sardar Patel's death creates a void in the country which it will be impossible to fill."

Mr. Hussain Ahmed Madani, President of the Jamait-ul-Ulema, said: "Sardar Patel lived for India and died serving India. We all are mourning his death."

Gen. K. M. Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, in a message to Sardar Patel's family has expressed the "deepest sympathy" of himself and all ranks under his command in their tragic bereavement. "What an irreparable loss to our country at a time when the able guidance, advice and leadership of our beloved Sardar was so badly needed."

ARCHITECT

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, Chief Minister of Punjab, said: "No single person had done more to consolidate Indian freedom than the Sardar. He will live for ever in history as the greatest architect of free India who wrought a miracle by integrating 600 Indian States within the Indian Union."

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, a former member of the Congress Working Committee and a co-worker of Sardar Patel in the Congress movement for the past 25 years, said in Calcutta: "Sardar Patel's sudden death removes a powerful personality from our midst. Although he lived up to a fairly old age and was keeping indifferent health for some time past, his death was most unexpected. I join with the rest of India in mourning his loss."

BUSINESSMAN MOURNS

Mr. Kasturbhai Lallbhai, President of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, in a message from Ahmedabad stated: "Entire business community shares your sorrow at the untimely death of the patriot who was the greatest living Indian."

Shri Ramakrishna Dalmia said: "I have been deeply grieved to hear of Sardar Patel's death. Every living being has to die some day. Only those whose life is spent in the service of their fellow-beings can be said to have lived truly. All of us should take lesson from his early life — from his great personal sacrifice in the service of his country. For those who were near to him, the best way to pay homage to his memory is to give up power politics and dedicate themselves to the service of poor and the country."

GREAT SON OF BHARAT

Mr. M. S. Golwalkar, R. S. S. leader, said that Sardar Patel "fought the forces of evil and strove to build up a free and strongly-knit national life." His death, is "one of the hardest blows to the people."

"Let us all, the afflicted people, be loved and lived for, gird up our loins, consolidate the country, fortify it against all aggressions and disruptions and realise the great goal of the great departed Sardar — a strong and prosperous Bharat. This alone will be a fitting tribute to the grand life of dedication typically exemplified by this great son of Bharat."

AMAZING STRENGTH

CALCUTTA: In a message of condolence addressed to the West Bengal Governor, the Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Mr. L. J. L. Addison, said: "I have just heard the tragic news of the death of your dear friend and colleague, Sardar Patel, and I hasten to send to you, to the members of your Government and to your community, not only my own personal deepest sympathy, but also that of my staff and the British community living in this area.

"I have known and seen Sardar Patel's work in this country for the past 25 years, and I have always admired his amazing strength of character and tenacity of purpose."

LOSS TO ASIA

Mr. Matrika Prasad Koirala, President of the Nepali Congress said at Patna: "Sardar Patel's passing away at this time has come as a great loss to Asia. To us, who are engaged in a grim fight against undiluted autocracy, his sudden death has given a rude shock. He was a man of clear vision and firm determination and that was why he brought down all the Indian potentates to their knees. The Nepalis share with Indians their bereavement today.

"All flags in our liberated areas will fly half mast today."

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee said: "He has been the most valiant champion of India's freedom and the strongest unifying force in our national life. His was a truly dynamic personality."

Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and industry, said: "The Indian commercial community mourns the irreparable loss sustained in the sad demise of Sardar Patel. He was an impartial friend, philosopher and guide to people belonging to different walks of life."

Prof. N. G. Ranga, member of the Congress Working Committee: "India has lost the greatest of our kisans, the architect of united and indivisible India and the embodiment of the strength and statesmanship of modern India."

Mr. Hukam Singh, President of the Siromani Akali Dal: "The Sikhs have lost their well-wisher."

Maulana Hafiz-ur-Rahaman, General Secretary Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind: "He was a soldier in the fight for freedom of the country and a master architect of the new Republic of India."

ADMINISTRATIVE TALENT

The Rajpramukh of Travancore-Cochin who is now in Madras, has sent the following condolence message to Miss Maniben Patel: "Shocked to hear the tragic demise of Sadarji. Pray accept sincerest condolences and sympathy of my mother and myself."

Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, former Dewan of Travancore, said Sardar Patel displayed unforeseen talents for administration and for the effective regimentation of all available forces on every occasion when he was tested and it was given to him, during the last three years to effect a re-orientation of the Indian scene.

His capacity to maintain law and order and his unflinching and unswerving policy of transforming the Indian states into organic and indistinguishable constituents of the new Republic of India enabled him to change the map of this country and to make his mark in history as one of the typical strong men and forceful administrators of the country.

ANOTHER CRUEL BLOW

Mr. P. S. Kumarswami Raja, Chief Minister, Madras said Sardar Patel's death is the greatest national calamity which the country could hardly bear at this juncture.

"It is our misfortune that while the process of consolidation and reconstruction is going on, our valient leader and statesman should be snatched away by the cruel hand of death".

Chief Justice P. V. Rajamannar said: "The hand of God has again struck India a cruel blow. When Mahatmaji fell a victim to the assassin it looked very dark for India but Sardarji and Nehruji bravely carried on the great task of building up Indian Republic. Now one of the two pillars has fallen".

Sir Mahomed Usman said it is a very great loss to the country. He will ever be remembered as a great statesman and administrator who has rendered monumental services to India. He had in fact sacrificed his precious life in the service of the country which he loved so much."

TACTFUL REALIST

Acharya Narendra Deo, Socialist leader said in Lucknow: "An able organiser and administrator, a shrewd judge of men and a skillful negotiator, Sardar Patel was an outstanding figure in Indian politics.

'He was a man of iron will and great courage. He was a sturdy fighter in the cause of his country and he never admitted defeat. He mixed tact with good commonsense and was a hard realist. He was always clear about his immediate objectives and also knew how to achieve them. His political acumen was remarkable.

"As an administrator, he took care not to become so emerged in details as to miss seeing the wood for the trees.

"India has lost one of his foremost sons. Sardar was a unique figure and it will not be possible to replace him".

Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, former Socialist leader, said in Poona: "A truly national aspiration guided his action in all situations".

WARRIOR STATESMAN

Mr. Khandubhai Desai, President of the Indian National Trade Union Congress in a statement says: "Our country has lost today in our Sardar a warrior statesman. His was a life of dedication, devotion and service to the nation. He was one of the architects of our newly won independence and his loss at this critical period in our history is a great tragedy.

Choudhuri Krishna Gopal Dutt, former Finance Minister of Punjab, says: "The death of Sardar Patel is the greatest national calamity that could befall our country in these critical times. The Sardar was the sentinel of India's independence. At a time when disruptive forces are raising their head, the death of Sardar Patel has created a crisis in the country. Let us all sink our differences and rally under the banner unfurled by Mahatma Gandhi and kept aloft by Sardar Patel".

The hon'ble Shri K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport and Railways, says: "The people of India should rally round the Prime Minister who will now have to shoulder the burden of the country without the assistance of the colleague on whom he had hitherto relied for all the difficult and unpleasant tasks. Sardar has taken his rank among the immortal founders of freee India. May his memory inspire his countrymen to complete the work of consolidation of India for which he lived and died".

A DISASTER

Mr. Homi Modi, Governor of Uttar Pradesh, in a statement says: "An irreparable disaster has overtaken India by the demise of Sardar Patel. The place he filled in our public life and the part he played in the achievement of freedom and in the integration of the country into a single political unit will come to be appreciated more and more as the years go by.

"The Sardar's leadership, clear vision and organising capacity were never more needed than in the unhappy times through which we are passing. To many like me, who had the privilege of his friendship, his death has come as a deep presonal loss. The country is infinitely poor for it, and I join in the universal grief and dismay at the disappearance from our midst, of so great a patriot and leader of men."

IN THE PUNJAB

Punjab was shocked to hear the sudden and sad death of the iron man of India.

Simla, the provisional capital of the State observed complete hartal to mourn the death of the Sardar.

Meetings were held at various schools and colleges and condolence resolutions passed.

In Jullundur, State Congress lorries with Congress workers wearing black badges, as a sign of grief, went round the city announcing what a loss the country had sustained in the death of its Sardar.

Black-bordered extraordinary issues of newspapers were issued in the morning to announce the sad death of the Sardar.

People marched in procession bareheaded in Ambala to the grain market where speakers paid homage to Sardar Patel.

The staff of the Indian Deputy High Commissioner and Indian residents of Dacca met at the Deputy High Commissioner's office to condole the death of the departed leader.

At the main crossing of Jubbulpore city a life size portrait of Sardar Patel has been placed where a large number of people are chanting Ram Dhun.

TOWER OF STRENGTH

The General Secretary of the RSS Mr. P. B. Dani at Nagpur today asked all the branches in the country to hold condolence meetings to mourn the death of Sardar Patel.

The General Secretary of the Socialist Party, Nagpur, Mr. S. N. Kashmiri said that Sardar Patel was a tower of strength, symbol of organisation, grim fighter and rigid disciplinarian."

The High Court Bar Association, Cuttack, at an emergent meeting recorded its deepest sense of sorrow and loss at the demise of Sardar Patel.

The Raja of Ranpur who was one of the first few Indian States rulers to sign merger of his State with the neighbouring province and his mother, the Rajamata of Ranpur, in a joint message on the demise of Sardar Patel said:

"We had several opportunities of meeting Sardarji after he came to Orissa in December 1947. His loss has come to us as a terrible shock."

HELPLESSNESS

Expressing Assam's grief Mr. Bishnuram Medhi, Chief Minister, said at Gauhati: "We in Assam used to look up to him for his valuable advice and guidance for the solution of all our problems and for meeting all our difficulties. We always used to get his sympathetic response and willing help in all matters pertaining to our State. We are feeling almost helpless without him.

"It is unfortunate that we have lost him at this critical juncture when we need his help and advice most."

Mr. Bimala Prasad Chaliha, General Secretary of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee said: "Let the Sardar's service, strength and determination inspire us to be worthy of the citizenship of free India."

The staff of the Indian High Commissioner's office at Karachi held a meeting here today to condole the death of Sardar Patel.

A cable has been sent on their behalf to India's Prime Minister expressing sorrow at the death of Sardar Patel.

SYMPATHY TO MINORITIES

The Governing Body of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association, meeting in Delhi under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Anthony, unanimously adopted a resolution of "sincere condolence on the passing away of Sardar Patel.

The resolution placed on record "the deep sense of gratitude and appreciation of the community for the understanding and sympathy shown by Sardar Patel towards the position of the community, especially in his capacity as chairman of the Advisory Committee on Minority Rights in the constitution, resulting in vital safeguards being provided for Anglo-Indians, thus enabling them to live in India with self-respect and a sense of assurance."

The Surat Chamber of Commerce, as a mark of respect, has postponed a big industrial exhibition that was to have been inaugurated on December 25 by Mr. Harekrushna Mahatab, India's Industries Minister. The exhibition was a part of the tenth foundation anniversary celebration of the Chamber, which will not be celebrated now.

The staff of the National Chemical Laboratory at Poona met under the chairmanship of the Director, Prof. J. W. McBain and passed a resolution of condolence.

NEEDED MOST NOW

The Ismailia Association for India at its general meeting today in Bombay passed a resolution condoling the death of Sardar Patel.

The president of the Jameeatul Ulama, Bombay, Mr. F. A. Azami, in a statement said: "Sardar Patel has left us at a juncture when he was needed most."

Begum Aizaz Rasul, Leader of the Opposition in the U.P. Legislative Council, said: "India could ill afford to lose a man of his ability or outstanding personality and the void caused cannot be filled for a long time. He was as they called the architect of modern India. His services to the nation will long be remembered."

The council of ministers of Assam in a resolution today at Shillong recorded its deep sorrow at the demise of Sardar Patel. "The country is plunged into a sense of utter helplessness in view of the present conditions in India and the world situation in which his advice, guidance and leadership is needed most," the resolution said.

A FATHER TO ALL

The Chief Miisnte of Saurashtra, Mr. U. N. Dhebar said: "Since Gandhiji's death, this is the highest calamity India has to face. He was a pillar of strength to the strongest and weakest in India. His place can never be filled so far as Saurashtra is concerned. It is a profound loss to everyone of the forty lakhs people. He was a father to them all.

"We do not know how we shall be enabled to bear this shock of his death. He has lived for a cause and died for the cause, practically struggling to the last breath of his life so that India may prosper. His name will leave in the memory of the people of India as one of the most gallant of the commanders of India has ever produced. May his soul rest in peace".

The Nizam, Rajpramukh of Hyderabad, has sent condolence telegrams to Mr. Nehru, Prime Minister of India, and Miss Maniben Patel.

The telegrams which were more or less identical expressed sorrow at the death of Sardar Patel, and added: "His death is a serious loss to India and to the princely order. Kindly accept my sincere condolences. May his soul rest in peace".

Condolence messages were also sent by Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Hyderabad's Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government of Hyderabad to Pandit Nehru and Miss Maniben Patel expressing "our sense of great loss that has been sustained by the country by the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. May his spirit continue to watch over the destinies of our country, it is the sincere wish of all of us."

At the Hyderabad High Court today a reference to the death was made before it was announced that all courts in Hyderabad would be closed today and tomorrow.

Mr. Vellodi, expressed great sorrow and said the Sardar was the creator of modern Hyderabad."

"In the death of Sardar Patel, we have lost one of the greatest Indians of modern days", said Mr. Vellodi, and added: "Along with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru he was been one of the architects of India's freedom."

BORN ORGANISER

The Executive Committee of the Indian Council of World Affairs said in a condolence resolution that Sardar Patel was a born organiser and leader of men and was one of the chief architects of modern India.

Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta, President of the All India Newspaper Editors Conference said: "In the passing away of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the press in India loses one of its best friends. He understood the difficulties of journalists and was keenly appreciative of their contribution to public life. He took lively interest in the work of the AINEC and initiated the traditions of harmonious co-operation between Government and the press."

The Nawab of Rampur said: "In his untimely death the country has lost the Iron Man of India, the Government a pillar of strength and the princely order a great friend".

PERMANENT PLACE IN ANNALS OF INDIA

Premier Attlee's Tribute

Prime Minister Clement Attlee today sent the following telegram to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India:

"I have learned with the greatest regret of the death of Sardar Patel. On behalf of the United Kingdom Government I send to you, to your colleagues and to the people of India our deep sympathy. Sardar Patel played an outstanding part in the great events of his generation and his name will have a permanent place in the annals of India".

IRREPARABLE

Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan, the Socialist leader, described Sardar Patel as one of the greatest sons of India, a telegram received here from the Socialist Party at Hissar said.

Mr. Narayan added: "His death is the greatest blow to the country since the death of Mahatma Gandhi in these critical times. Sardar's mellowed wisdom, great courage and firmness were directly needed. The loss can never be repaired".

Yuvraj Karan Singh, the Prince Regent of Jammu and Kashmir in a message from Jammu said: "The people of Jammu and Kashmir join the country in mourning the untimely and tragic death of Sardar Patel'.

GREAT ORGANISER AND ADMINISTRATOR

Liaquat Ali's Tribute

KARACHI: Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan in a statement said: "I have heard the news of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's death with sorrow. Not only was he one of the principal fighters for Indian independence, but after the attainment of independence also he proved himself a great organiser and administrator. One could strongly differ from him in his policies and methods, but in dealing with him one always knew what he meant and also knew that he meant it."

In a telegram to Sardar Patel's daughter, Mr. Khan said: "I have heard with profound sorrow of the death of your father. I offer you and the family my sincere sympathy and condolences in your great loss."

In a telegram to Prime Minister Nehru, Mr. Khan said: "My Government and I have learnt with deep sorrow of the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India. He was one of the architects of new India. By his death you have lost a most valuable colleague and India a great son. Please accept our heartfelt condolences."

DON'T LOSE HEART

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. B. G. Kher Chief Minister of Bombay in a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel from the Bombay station of All India Radio tonight, called upon the people not to lose heart, but serve the country.

Mr. Kher said: "Since the attainment of Swaraj, our country has had to face many calamities, man-made, natural as well as super-natural--earthquakes, floods, droughts, riots, etc. We have fought them bravely. The passing of Sardar Patel has made us prostrate. He was our general, our Sardar and his intrepid and skillful leadership is now lost to us.

"Our grief knows no bounds, but if we have to learn any lesson from his life, and even his death, it is that in the face of difficulties, we must not lose heart, but continue to serve the country and boldly face all dangers. May his soul rest in peace and his memory inspire us to serve our Motherland."

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL IN AHMEDABAD

Sardar Had Promised To Return In January

AHMEDABAD, December 15, (PTI).

AHMEDABAD, where Sardar Patel began his public life, thirty-five years ago, was today plunged in grief as the news of his demise spread like wild fire throughout the city.

Millowners and merchants, labourers and petty traders thronged the Congress House while mills closed down, bringing business activity to a standstill.

Sardar Patel, after being called to the bar, had made this city his home and started legal practice. For over a decade he stayed in the city until the historic Bardoli Satyagraha of 1928 when he became the Sardar of India.

It was in 1915 that he came in contact with Mahatma Gandhi in this city and became Gandhiji's lifelong follower and trusted lieutenant.

THE BEGINNING

One of the chief architects of India's freedom, the Sardar started his freedom struggle in Ahmedabad municipality where he defied the British Government by throwing off its control over the municipal schools. He raised public funds to conduct the schools without any aid from the Government.

For fifteen years Sardar Patel served the city through its municipality, first as a member and then as its President raising the municipal administration to a higher level.

His last visit to the city synchronised with his 75th birthday when the citizens gave him a royal welcome. The Sardar was then presented with a purse of Rs. 15 lakhs in recognition of his services to the nation.

The last voice of the Sardar was heard on the Lal Darwaza grounds when he addressed a public meeting. "I will return to Gujerat in January and tour the centres where constructive work of my liking is being carried on," he had stated.

INESTIMABLE

Mr. Asaf Ali, Governor of Orissa, in a message said: "Another of India's towering master-builders is gone to eternal rest at a time when he was needed most. His right contribution to new India's history is of inestimable value, and selfless patriotism."

his great work will never die. —

"Those who had the privilege of being associated with him in the national struggle will feel it the most. It was my good fortune to work with him in close association for a number of years and particularly from 1940 onwards. We lived together during war-time detention and collaborated with each other during the Interim Government and afterwards. It enabled me to know him in the darkest hours of trial and the happiest moments of triumph. Neither was his indomitable spirit depressed by the one, nor his sober dignity affected by the other. Above all, his sense of duty was matched only by his adamantine faith in the utimate triumph of the right cause. I join the nation in mourning his loss."

Sir Paul Benthall, President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India and of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, said in Calcutta: "This country has lost one of her greatest and most beloved leaders, who will be deeply missed throughout India and whose passing will be heard of with sorrow in foreign lands, especially in the United Kingdom where he was held in the highest esteem".

Dr. R. Ahmed, Minority Minister of West Bengal said: "The loss of Sardar Patel at this great juncture in our history is one which would be very difficult to fill."

IRREPARABLE LOSS

Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, in a telegram to Miss Maniben Patel, said: "Mother India has suffered an irreparable loss. In our moment of dire need when the internal and international atmosphere is full of dark clouds, at this moment the country badly needed a person of Sardar's clear vision, strong determination, unflinching courage and right contribution to new India's

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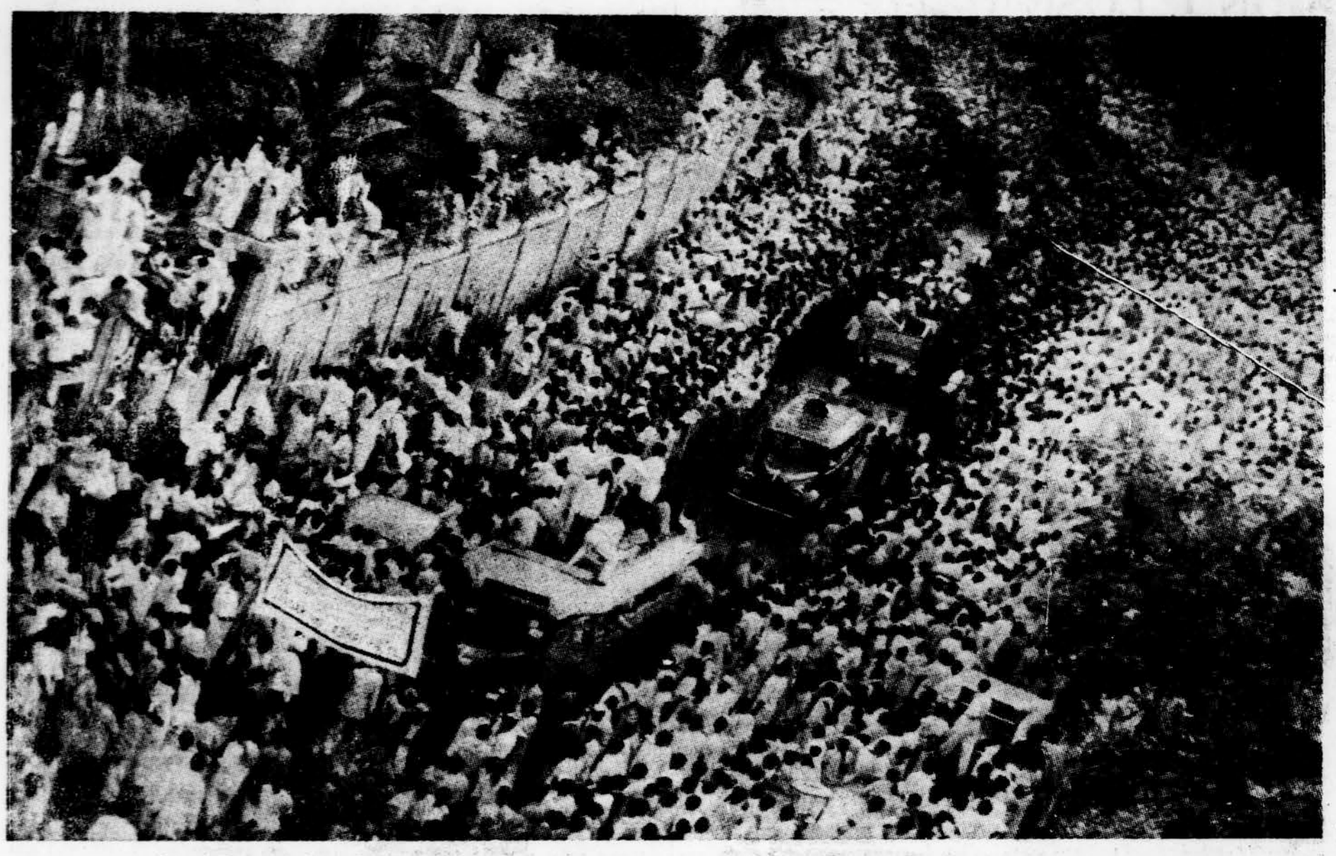
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SCENES OF THE SARDAR'S LAST JOURNEY



A view of the procession: the cortege is not seen, and follows in the rear. The vehicles seen form advance units of the procession.



People crowd in front of Birla House to see the Sardar lying in state.



The cortege being brought out of Birla House.



Close up of the cortege (left). Nehru and Tandon follow in a jeep (right).

Processions & Prayers All Over India

HE WILL EVER LIVE IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS

AZAD'S TRIBUTES AT DELHI MEETING

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI).

DELHI citizens mourned the death of Sardar Patel here today at a public meeting where speakers paid moving tributes to the departed leader. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad presided.

The meeting organised by the Delhi State Congress Committee in a resolution said that in the death of Sardar Patel the nation had lost one of its valiant fighters for freedom.

"True to his traditions of a fighter and commander," the resolution said, "Sardar Patel died in harness and in glory. Though Sardar is no more, his name will ever remain enshrined in the annals of our national history and the present and coming generations will always remember him as one whose hand played by far the most predominant role in shaping the structure of free India."

Earlier, a mile-long citizens' procession starting from historic Red Fort reached the Ramlila Grounds, the meeting place, after passing through the city's closed main bazars. The procession was led by Mr. Harekrushna Mahatab, Minister for Industry and Supply, Mr. Radha Raman, President of the Delhi State Congress Committee, and other Congress leaders of Delhi.

The processionists sang hymns and devotional songs.

ANOTHER WORLD

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, said that with the death of Sardar Patel "the story of a great leader of men" had come to a close. It was a story which started as far back as 1917 and was intimately connected with the country's freedom struggle. But it had ended only in a worldly sense. There was another world consisting of peoples' minds and hearts and memories, where that story would ever remain.

The biggest quality of Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad said, was his magnetism which drew all freedom lovers towards him Like Gandhiji he radiated an affection and a strength of feeling which made a marked and abiding impression on whoever came into contact with him.

IN ONE BOAT

Maulana Azad said that he came first into contact with Sardar Patel in 1920. Since then they had developed intimate and close ties with each other. "We all were in one boat. We shared each other's sorrows, setbacks and victories also.

"We had sometimes our differences. We even quarrelled with each other. But it was a quarrel which never lasted for more than a few hours. Today when I look back to thirty years of work and friendship of epoch making days, I turn in my mind those pages of history which will form a glorious chapter in our freedom struggle. Our relationship in fact was of real brothers."

ORGANISING ABILITY

Praising the organising ability of Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad said that his courage and bravery and determination of steel had endeared him to one and all. His capacity to take quick and right decisions was unsurpassed. Man of an iron will, Sardar Patel never allowed personal sentiment for one moment to deflect him from his path of duty to the country.

Even when he was seriously ill in Ahmednagar Jail, he turned down all suggestions that his son and daughter should be brought to him. He actually scoffed at the idea that he should allow authority to bestow on him what he considered a favour.

The only real and lasting tribute, Maulana Azad said, that people today could pay him was to work upto his ideals of devotion to duty and keep alive his memorable work. His life's message had to be followed in their everyday life.

"Our future work alone can show how far we succeed in living upto the ideals that Sardar Patel stood for," the Maulana added.

A BIG VOID

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, said that death had removed at a time from their midst a "towering personality" whose guiding hand was needed most. It was a great calamity. But people in this hour of sorrow could have one solace.

The life's work of one of India's greatest sons was a heritage which they could cherish and follow for all time. Sardar Patel had the unique quality of practising what he preached in the nation's cause, he said.

Acharya Kripalani said that Sardar Patel was a pillar of strength not only to the Congress, but to the Government and the country. His affectionate ways endeared him to everybody. The tragedy of India was that when such great leaders departed there was no one to take their place. The void Sardar Patel's death had created, nobody could fill.

FEARLESSNESS

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister, said that in the present troublous times when war clouds were gathering on the horizon and there was fear of internal unrest, Sardar Patel's death had come as a stunning blow. Circumstances might arise jeopardising the newly-won freedom. In this hour of sorrow, therefore, they had to determinedly unify themselves and work for Sardar's ideals.

He said there were very few men who could equal Sardar Patel's qualities of a leader of men. "I pray to God for strength of mind to bear this great loss. Our biggest tribute to him can be to follow the path shown by him."

One unique quality of Sardar Patel, he said, was his fearlessness. He never wavered for a moment in expressing his views on men and things out of a feeling that they might hurt anybody. Whatever he considered right, he did it irrespective of what pain or anguish it might cause to anyone.

Others who joined in paying tributes to Sardar Patel were Mir Mushtaq Ahmed, Socialist leader, Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar, Mr. Mohanlal Gautam, General Secretary of the Congress, Mr. Yudhvir Singh, President of the Delhi Municipal Committee and Mr. Radha Raman.

PROCESSION AND PRAYER

AHMEDABAD: A mile-long silent procession was taken out this evening to mourn the death of Sardar Patel. The procession terminated on the sands of the river Sabarmati where Sardar Patel had made stirring speeches during the freedom struggle. A prayer was held there.

MADURA: A mile-long procession in solemn silence marched through the principal streets of Madura this evening mourning the death of Sardar Patel.

The procession terminated at a public meeting where a resolution expressing deep grief of the citizens at the loss and praying for peace of his soul was adopted.

At Nellore, shops and eating houses closed their doors, educational and public institutions suspended normal work for the day.

MADRAS MESSAGE

MADRAS: The Government of Madras has conveyed to the Government of India and Sardar Patel's family their deep sense of sorrow at the demise of the Sardar.

The Madras Legislative Assembly which met this morning adjourned after passing a resolution of condolence.

The Madras Stock Exchange remained closed today.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Madras District Andhra Congress Committee and Chennapuri Andhra Mahasabha was held in the evening, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, General Secretary of the Congress, presiding. The meeting passed a resolution of condolence on the death of Sardar Patel.

A portrait of Sardar Patel was taken in procession before the meeting.

MORE PROCESSIONS

TIRUCHI: A huge silent procession went through the principal streets of Tiruchi this evening to mourn the loss of Sardar Patel.

The procession terminated at the Town Hall where a mammoth public meeting was held and a resolution expressing deep sense of sorrow at the Sardar's death was passed.

CUTTACK: A big procession started from the Swaraj Ashram this afternoon and ended on the Khatjuri river bank where mass prayers were held in memory of Sardar Patel. The prayers were attended among others by the Governor Mr. Asaf Ali.

BOSS OF CONGRESS

NEW YORK: The news of the death of Sardar Patel, arrived here too late to be published in most eastern U. S. newspapers, but the New York Times carried a lengthy obituary.

The Times after publishing a two paragraph item from its own correspondent in New Delhi on the death ran a three-quarter column obituary notice. This notice said that Sardar Patel "was a skilful politician who exercised great power as the boss of the Congress".

SPECIAL PRAYERS

SECUNDERABAD: Soon after the receipt of news of death of Sardar Patel an emergent Cabinet meeting was summoned by the Chief Minister, Mr. M. K. Vellodi.

The Cabinet passed a condolence resolution bemoaning the loss of the great leader, which was conveyed telegraphically to the Government of India.

The Government immediately ordered all Government offices and factories to be closed "until further orders".

The news of Sardar's death spread like wild fire to the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Special prayers in temples, mosques and churches are being held in this connection.

LUCKNOW: A meeting was held at the university to pay homage to the memory of the departed leader.

All the newspapers in Lucknow today came out with special black-bordered supplements to convey the sad news. Newspaper offices here will remain closed tomorrow.

SPECIAL TRANSMISSIONS

CALCUTTA: Special editions of newspapers and radio broadcasts carried the news of Sardar Patel's death to every house in the city and suburbs by noon today.

The Royal Calcutta Turf Club postponed its racing programme for Saturday, December 16.

The Calcutta station of All India Radio also cancelled all light programmes and made two special transmissions of select programmes

The foreign missions in the city lowered their national flags to half-mast.

The Muslim citizens of Calcutta held a condolence meeting at Mohammed Ali Park today under the auspices of the Calcutta Khilafat Committee. Congress workers of Calcutta also held a prayer meeting this evening.

U. S. Envoy's Sympathy

NEW DELHI: Mr. Loy W. Henderson, American Ambassador to India, said:

"The death of the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, this morning will profoundly grieve people of goodwill everywhere. He has been not only a leading statesman in Indian public life but has come to be a world figure known far beyond India's boundaries. Always a staunch advocate of peace, he has been held in the highest esteem by my countrymen, who will mourn his loss with the people of India. In expressing the profound sorrow of my Government and the people of the United States over the death of Sardar Patel I wish to express in addition my own grief over the passing of a personal friend".

A Chilling Blow

Mr. A. S. Shaikh, General Secretary of the All India Momin Conference said Sardar Patel's death was "a chilling blow to the nation which is already bewildered and groaning under Himalayan difficulties both from within and without. It will take long for the nation to fill in this breach".

RAJKOT: A Saurashtra Government communique issued here today says: "The Government of Saurashtra announce with the deepest regret the passing away of Pujya Sardar Shri Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, Government of India this morning at Bombay at 9-37 a.m. at Birla House.

The Government have ordered State mourning for three days and all public offices and institutions will be closed during this period. Flags will be flown half-mast".

GWALIOR: The Rajpramukh and the Chief Minister of Madhyabharat left today for Bombay by air to attend the funeral of Sardar Patel.

Flags were flown half-mast on all Government buildings. Educational institutions were closed.

Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj, General Secretary of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation, said "In the death or Sardar Patel, the Scheduled Caste community has lost one of its greatest friends. A great statesman, it will be difficult to find a leader to replace him".

116 Africans Killed In Tribal Clash

LAGOS, December 15 (PTI-Reuter): One hundred and sixteen Africans were killed in an inter-tribal clash in the Nigerian eastern provinces on August 12.

The police have offered 500 pound sterling for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for the clash.

Irreparable Loss

Mr. Tekchand Wasanmal, President of the All India Exporters Association said, "The loss is irreparable, and his seat remains vacant and cannot be easily filled in. He suffered a brief illness, and God thought it best that he should rest and relieved him of his pain."

Navy Day Celebrations Cancelled

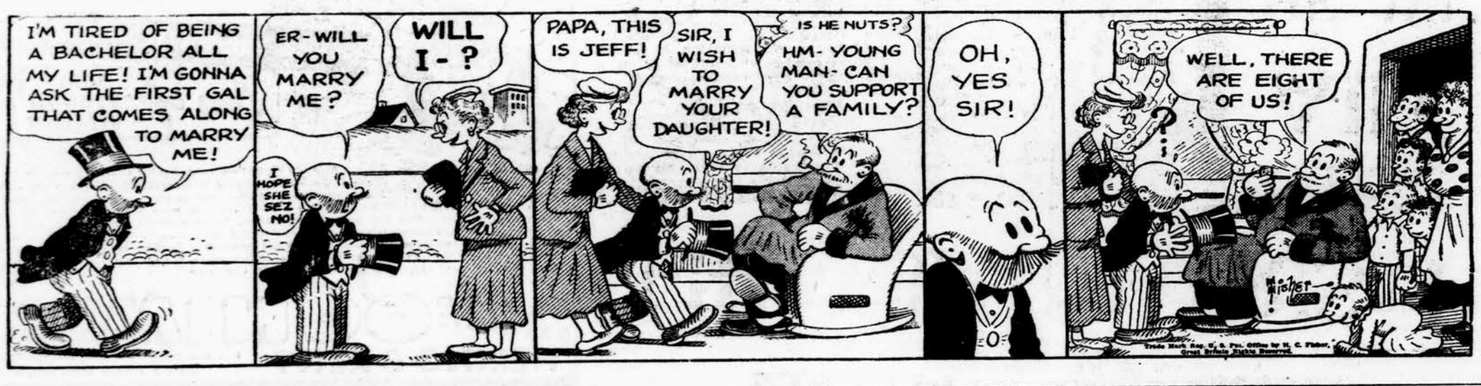
NEW DELHI, Dec. 15: Navy Day, which was fixed for tomorrow Saturday, December 16, has been cancelled as a mark of respect to the late Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. All ships and shore establishments have been asked to cancel the arrangements made for the celebration of Navy Day.

OVERWHELMED

Mr. K. M. Munshi, Food Minister, in a message said: "I am too overwhelmed with grief to be able to take a detached view. The greatest pillar of our strength and stability has fallen. May God give us wisdom to preserve what he has achieved."

MUTT AND JEFF—That's What You Really Call Behind The Eightball

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